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COUNCIL UNVEIL PLANS FOR NEW LEISURE HUBS

Public consultation launched on proposals to replace borough's ageing facilities with state-of-the-art centres

Report by **Henry James**

BOROUGH council chiefs say residents will see ageing leisure centres in Skelmersdale and Ormskirk replaced by "state-of-the-art leisure and wellbeing hubs as part of exciting new proposals."

The council has launched a public consultation on the proposals and wants as many people as possible to get involved.

As part of the proposals the authority says the Skelmersdale Leisure and Wellbeing Hub will feature swimming pools, tenpin bowling, climbing walls, a 120-station fitness suite, dance and spinning studios, café and adventure soft play.

Plans for Ormskirk also include swimming pools, a 120-station fitness suite, dance and spinning studios, café and adventure soft play.

Meanwhile although the consultations on the proposed new leisure facilities were welcomed by Our West Lancashire, they also urged continuing vigilance from the public.

The Skelmersdale Leisure and Wellbeing Hub, replacing Nye Bevan Pool, is earmarked for the Ingram site next to West Lancashire College and Asda.

Redeveloped

Following its construction, the Nye Bevan Pool will be demolished and the site will be redeveloped as part of the wider town centre plan.

The Ormskirk Leisure and Wellbeing Hub, replacing Park Pool, is proposed to be on Churchfields. Following its construction, Coronation Park will be improved as part of a proposed masterplan with the current Park Pool site being returned to parkland following the building's demolition.

"Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's deputy leader and cabinet member for leisure and human resources, said: "These leisure and wellbeing hubs will be a huge boost to Skelmersdale and Ormskirk, giving many more people the opportunity to have fun getting fitter and healthier.

"It's very important that we get as wide a response to our consultation as possible to make sure these new facilities are as good as they can be."

The consultation is open now and runs until Friday, August 2. Everyone can see and comment on the plans at https://westlancshubs.co.uk/ or at one of the following public exhibitions:

Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk from Thursday, July 18 to Friday, July 26. (Staff will be present to answer questions from midday to 7pm on Thursday, July 18).

Concourse foyer Skelmersdale, from Friday, July 19 to Friday, July 26 (Staff will be present to answer questions from midday to 7pm on Friday, July 19).

Information and feedback forms will also be available at Nye Bevan Pool and Park Pool.

It is currently planned that both facilities will be operational in 2022. More information on the project is available by calling Freephone 0800 298 7040.

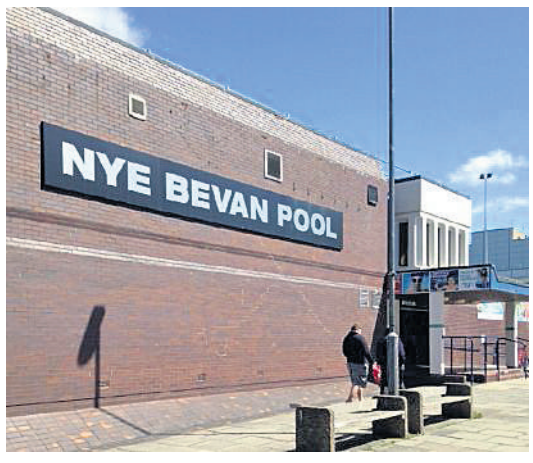
Councillor Adrian Owens, chairman of the Our West Lancs Group, commented: "Remember October 2015 when the Labour council threatened closure of Park Pool? Our campaign and petition stopped those plans then.

"In spring 2016 we were the first local political group to propose a new swimming pool in Ormskirk and others followed suit.

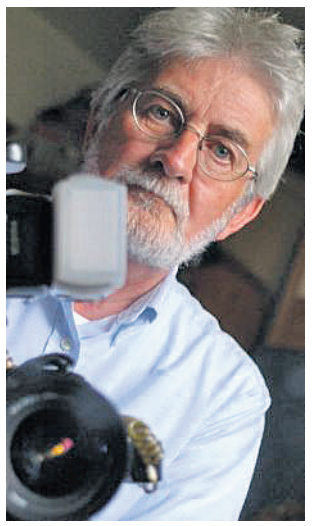
"Since then, there's been a lot of work behind the scenes from councillors of all parties to bring forward initial plans for new leisure and wellbeing hubs in both towns and the consultation on these starts today. Local residents helped stop the closure of Park Pool four years ago, now residents can help to improve these plans.

"These new leisure centres will have to generate surplus to make the business case to borrow to construct them. By earmarking existing council funds from previous taxation or house building as we Independents have done, we can ensure that these plans are not watered down once the next stage of financial forecasts are made."

An artist's impression of the proposed new Skelmersdale Leisure and Wellbeing Hub.



Nye Bevan Pool - under the plans it will be demolished following the construction of the new leisure and wellbeing hub.



Tributes paid to Champion photographer Martyn Snape

THE Champion is sad to report the death of well known photographer, Martyn Snape, who passed away peacefully on Monday in Queenscourt Hospice following a short illness, aged 65.

Martyn was a stalwart of the Champion for more than 20 years and in that time became a hugely popular figure covering our picture desk for Sefton and West Lancs.

He was as popular within the Champion as he was out in the community he served with such dedication and distinction. His talents behind the camera ensured countless people were able to share their stories in our titles.

He became 'pals' with the great and good of both boroughs, striking up real friendships with so many as he went about his duties professionally and with a keen eye for a great picture.

Martyn didn't do 'snaps' - he hated that term and would rebuke anybody who dared to call his work 'that word'. He was a newspaper lensman down to the core and was greatly respected for the manner in which he went about his duties.

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‘Polite, friendly and always professional’

Moving tributes to Champion photographer Martyn Snape who died this week aged 65

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Tributes from all corners of Sefton and West Lancs flowed in following news of Martyn’s untimely passing.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper said: “It is incredibly sad news to hear of Martyn’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and colleagues.

“Martyn was a constant throughout my time as MP, attending most of the constituency events I attended. I will remember him for his friendliness, for having a kind word and we’d have a laugh as he politely tried to herd everyone to get the photo he needed.”

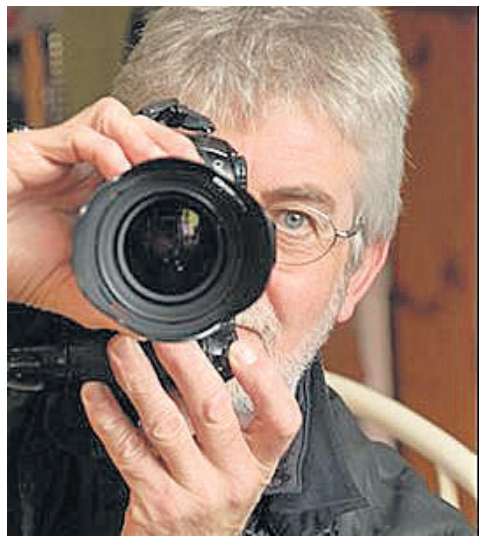
In a joint statement Kim Webber, chief executive of West Lancashire Borough Council and council leader Councillor Ian Moran, said: “We were very sorry to hear the sad news about Martyn. He was a familiar face to a lot of people at the council having attended so many of our events over the years and was always very friendly and professional. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.”

A family statement to the Champion read: “Martyn’s career began as a young man working in a photography shop in Ormskirk and he went from there to study photography at Blackpool College.

“On completing his studies he secured a job at the Ormskirk Advertiser beginning what was to become a life-long devotion to local news and the documenting of life in West Lancashire and Sefton.

“After many years as chief photographer at the Advertiser and seeking a new challenge Martyn became freelance and remained his own boss until the end of his career.

“Martyn was never without a camera or two and over the course of 40 years he quietly and modestly amassed an extensive, often humourous and beautiful archive of photographic work depicting the people and landscape around him.



Martyn Snape who passed away this week, aged 65.

“He thoroughly enjoyed working on assignments for the Champion and made many good friends within the organisation. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and best wishes at this sad time and who remember Martyn with much love and affection.”

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers at Queenscourt Hospice and ask that anyone who wishes to make a donation in memory of Martyn should make it directly to the hospice.

Funeral details will be announced at a later date.

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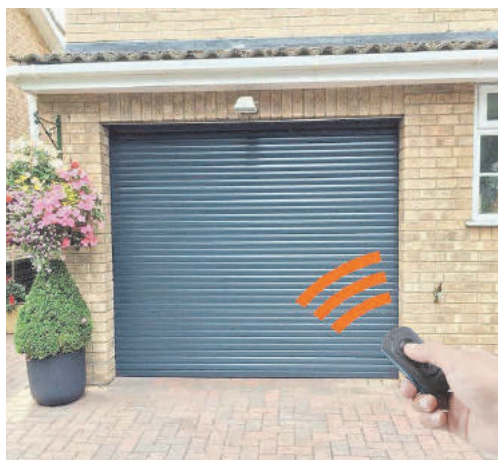

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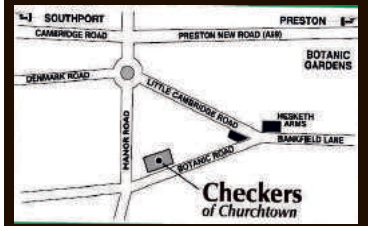

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Six-figure lottery grant for Divine Days community project

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A COMMUNITY dance organisation has been awarded £102,000 by the National Lottery to help pay for children's dance groups and further its other work in the community.

Divine Days Community Arts CIC, based in Skelmersdale, was set up in 2012 to make the arts accessible to all.

It has an award-winning flagship dance group Divine Dance for adults with additional needs, which tours the North West raising awareness and delivering inclusive workshops to schoolchildren.

The organisation also has a Community Connections project which aims to bring people together who were previously isolated, working in conjunction with GPs, West Lancs Community Voluntary Services and the West Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group.

In 2018, it launched a pilot project DiddiDivine Dance for toddlers and children with additional needs at the Grove Youth and Community Centre in Burscough, which has since gone from strength to strength.

The youngsters performed at this year's Nelson Dance Festival alongside the senior squad and took first place in the inclusive category, scoring a distinction for their work.

Divine Days has now won funding from National Lottery Reaching Communities to provide DiddiDivine Dance in three more locations for three years, to develop the Divine Dance outreach work and sessions, and to deliver more Community Connections projects.

Founder, Kate Whitehead, said: "We are thrilled and delighted to announce that Divine Days Community Arts CIC has been awarded £102,000 to enable us to reach more people and create more jobs in our community for the next three years.

"We rely on people's generosity so much to be able to do the work we do and so many people are involved behind the scenes fundraising and volunteering over thousands of hours so we can continue helping people.

"Now this funding will allow us to hire more dance teachers and develop our existing team of amazing staff and help us to buy adapted equipment so more people can take part and be helped.

"There is beauty to be found everywhere and we at Divine Days are blessed to be surrounded by the most beautiful, amazing people who have changed my life and the lives of so many.

"We are blessed and thankful to be able to continue and grow and we thank the National Lottery from the bottom of our hearts for believing in us.

Divine Dancers and children from St John CE Primary, Burscough with the cheque from the National Lottery.

Man who carried out frenzied knife attack on sleeping friend jailed for 10 years

A MAN who carried out a frenzied and unprovoked knife attack on a friend at an address in Skelmersdale has been jailed for 10 years.

David Heaton stabbed Connor Horne multiple times with a kitchen knife in the incident at Helmsdale, Birch Green.

And the officer who led the investigation said were it not for the efforts of paramedics at the scene Mr Horne would have died.

The 20-year-old victim suffered a total of 14 stab wounds to his neck, arm, back, chest and abdomen and lost one-and-a-half litres of blood as a result of the attack on Sunday, February 10.

Heaton, 19, admitted Section 18 grievous bodily harm with intent and was jailed for 10 years at Preston Crown Court on Wednesday, June 19.

Detective Inspector Warren Atkinson, of South Police, said: "This was a sustained and unprovoked attack carried out on a man who was asleep at the time and it would undoubtedly have been a homicide were it not for the efforts of the paramedics at the scene which saved Connor's life.

"The impact of David Heaton's actions on Connor and his family cannot be overstated. They are devastated by what has happened and have struggled to come to terms with the effects of what happened on that fateful morning. This includes psychological trauma as a result of this cowardly attack.

"I am particularly pleased to see the sentence handed down by Recorder HHJ Mark Brown. During his sentencing remarks he said: 'The proliferation of knife crime in society is appalling. In many respects it is a miracle that Connor Horne survived your attack. He was asleep and totally defenceless and he woke up to you raining blows on him with a knife.'

DI Atkinson added: "I would also like to thank the paramedics who attended the scene, as well as the medical teams at Aintree and Whiston Hospital who treated Connor after the attack. Hopefully this sentence will allow him and his family to start rebuilding their lives together."

David Heaton

Air Cadets return to the skies after two-year break

RAF Air Cadets from 1439 Skelmersdale Squadron have finally been able to take to the skies again - after a two-year break.

Youngsters from the squadron in Daniels Lane, Tawd Bridge had been unable to use the facilities at RAF Woodvale due to runway damage.

But with funding finally made available to repair the damage they were given the opportunity to experience flying in the Grob Tutor trainer airplane under instruction by the 10 AEF pilots and ground staff at RAF Woodvale.

Prior to the flight the cadets had to undergo a day's pre-flight training (PTT) to familiarise themselves with the controls and instruments of the cockpit, understand the role of air traffic control and learn about pre-flight planning.

On the day their flight set off from RAF Woodvale taking the cadets over Skelmersdale, then headed north to Tarleton and on to the Formby coastline.

And good weather on the day allowed the pilot to perform a variety of aerobatics.

Cadet O'Sullivan, one of the cadets who took part, said: "The aerobatics were fantastic and the best part of the flight."

Cadet O'Sullivan who enjoyed a flight from RAF Woodvale.

The cadets are looking to recruit new members. If you have a son or daughter aged 12 to 17 who would be interested in adventure training, flying, outdoor pursuits and many more activities, contact the squadron commander on 01695 51603 or email 1439@aircadets.org.

Skem software company clinches major contract with rail service

MANAGEMENT at a Skelmersdale-based software company are celebrating another major contract.

CoreRFID on the White Moss Buisness Park has supplied rail company Serco with 100,000 'RFID' access cards for its Caledonian Sleeper railway service.

The cards will provide passengers with access to rooms and will improve security on routes between London and Scotland.

The cards are completely re-usable and replace paper-based 'RFID' tickets, which were judged to not be as cost-effective in the long term.

'RFID' uses radio frequency devices to tag and identify items and so connect IT systems with the assets, materials and staff with their locations.

Munzi Ali, technical director of CoreRFID, commented: "Our knowledge and experience on similar work in the hotel industry helped us to meet the challenges of this project. Serco had specialist locks provided by a Spanish company and needed cards which were compatible. Consultancy is a big part of the larger projects we undertake and we were able to solve the issue with Serco."

The Caledonian Sleeper service, which is operated by Serco as a standalone franchise, can trace its origins back to 1873. It serves a number of destinations in Scotland - including Inverness, Aberdeen, Fort William, Glasgow and Edinburgh - on route to and from Euston station.

Graham Kelly, guest experience director at Serco Caledonian Sleeper, said: "We've only been running the new trains for a few weeks but the feedback from guests on the keycard has been excellent, with CoreRFID's solution proving extremely effective."

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Bearded tits cause a flutter at Martin Mere

Breeding pairs are first in Burscough centre's history

STAFF and volunteers at Martin Mere Wetland Centre in Burscough are celebrating after it has been confirmed that bearded tits are breeding at the site for the first time in the centre's history.

It has also been confirmed that this breeding is a first in Lancashire outside of the RSPB site at Leighton Moss in the north of the county.

Reserve staff were delighted to find at least two breeding pairs, both of which are currently sitting on eggs.

All being well, visitors should be seeing fledglings around the Reedbed Walk in mid-July.

Reserve manager, Louise Clewley, said: "The bearded tits are amazing birds and we are so excited to have them here - hopefully this will be the first of many successful breeding seasons for this rare bird at Martin Mere."

One of the bearded tits spotted for the first time at Martin Mere. (Photo by Colin Edwards).

Intricate

Visitors to the reserve are being encouraged to explore the Reedbed Walk, accessed through the Harrier Hide, and to listen out for the 'ping, ping, ping' calls of the bearded tits as they feed amongst the reeds.

Their nests are particularly intricate, being made out of reeds and suspended amongst the stems.

The birds themselves are bright orange and, despite what their name might suggest, the males have a striking black moustache rather than a beard.

The Reedbed Walk was created at the centre 15 years ago and now supports a wide range of species.

Visitors can also listen out for Cetti's warblers, little grebes, cuckoo and water rails. The centre is open every day from 9.30am to 6pm and there are nine hides around the reserve for bird watching, as well as a number of different walks.

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Staff and pupils at Delph Side Primary celebrate the school's success in the Pearson Teaching Awards 2019.

School shortlisted for gold award in 'Oscars for teachers'

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF and pupils at a Skelmersdale school are celebrating after being shortlisted in the Pearson Teaching Awards 2019, dubbed the UK's 'Oscars for teachers'.

Delph Side Community Primary was one of 68 Silver Award winners nationally after being nominated in the Primary School Of The Year - Making A Difference category.

The school in Eskdale, which was selected from thousands of nominations, celebrated its recognition on Wednesday, June 19 on 'Thank A Teacher Day' as the Pearson awards marked its 21st year of promoting excellence in education.

The school's winning team were presented with a prestigious Pearson Silver Teaching Award trophy and have been shortlisted to win one of just 13 Gold Awards.

Representatives of the Delph Side team will join fellow Silver Award winners at the 21st UK ceremony of the Pearson Teaching Awards to be broadcast on BBC2 in October as 'Britain's Classroom Heroes'.

Delph Side Primary, headteacher, Liz Ormerod, said: "Today we have celebrated one of our greatest achievements! Having been nominated for national Primary School Of The Year - Making A Difference, and welcoming the judges into school back in April, we are Pearson Silver winners!

"This now means we are invited to the House of Commons for a celebration on Thursday, July 11, then to the annual 'Classroom Heroes' ceremony in October, broadcast on the BBC to celebrate our brilliant profession.

"The results were a secret from the staff team and children and only revealed today! It was incredibly emotional and everyone is so happy and immensely proud.

"We celebrated with a surprise party with delicious food provided by Mellors, inflatable slides and assault course, hook-a-duck, circus skills school, dancing on the playground and a mobile zoo! It was our own mini festival!

"This achievement celebrates our success as a shining beacon for our community, a hub of aspiration and determination, mixed with a haven of sanctuary, support, kindness and simple consistency."

Purpose-built factory for freshly-squeezed juice creates 100 jobs

SPANISH-based AMC Group which has sites across 50 countries providing products including fresh produce, flowers and natural beverages to major supermarkets, wholesalers and food service providers, has unveiled its first purpose-built factory for freshly-squeezed juice and a variety of plant-based products in Skelmersdale, creating more than 100 jobs.

The 55,000m² site at Degrave House on the White Moss Business Park aims to supply the growing demand for healthier food options.

Work on the £11m facility started in February 2018 and production of dairy-free products, baby food and soups started in August. The new freshly-squeezed juice facility, which has the capability to provide the whole of the UK, came online in April this year.

Now fully operational, AMC Group has secured Sainsbury's as its first customer for freshly-squeezed juice and has just started production of a number of premium lemonades for Waitrose's Truly Scrumptious summer range.

In addition to providing juice to large retailers and wholesalers, the site is producing dairy-free and allergen-free yoghurt for Rebel Kitchen, and healthy, plant-based soups for brands including Bol.

Fresh foods director at AMC Group, Mike Bullock, said: "There's an exciting future in store for the site. Plant-based products are in huge demand and there is a gap in the market for a dairy-free factory producing fresh, quality products at scale. Freshly-squeezed juice is in double digit growth in the UK compared to a relatively flat juice market and we can deliver in terms of consistency way better than ever before."

'Commitment'

Managing director of the new factory, Terry Haigh, added: "Everything has been purpose-built so, not only do we have the latest technology for food manufacturing, we also have solar panels to provide a fifth of the site's energy and we have a 'zero to landfill' commitment to environmentally responsible practices. All our waste water is recycled after particles are sieved out and the fruit peels will be used for animal feed or fuel pellets."

Further modern technology on the site includes the ability to control equipment via mobile phones, for example temperature and CCTV.

Company offering free wet room to a family in need

A FAMILY-run company with offices in Skelmersdale are celebrating their 12th year anniversary by giving away a free, adapted wet room to a family in need.

Bosses at UPS Building & Maintenance Ltd. of Gratton Place, East Gillibrands decided to run the offer to 'give something extra' back to the area.

A spokesman for the company said: "We wanted to 'change someone's life for the better' in one of the local communities we service within the North West by giving away a free adapted wet room to a family that is in the greatest need and unable to cover the costs themselves or unable to secure funding. All we ask is for you to send a letter detailing why you or someone you know needs this adaptation and what difference it would make to yours or your chosen person' life?"

The winner will be chosen by the end of this month with a live blog and the wet room installed by mid to late-July.

The competition is restricted to families in the North West and applicants should email entries to sales@upsbuilding.com with the subject title 'Changing lives for the better' - but hurry, the closing date is Friday, June 28!

Veterans team up with Dementia Friends Champion

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association have been working with local Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville to continue their efforts to make a positive difference to people living with dementia in their community.

Following their Dementia Friend sessions, the veterans have been visiting care homes across West Lancashire.

Chairman of the association, Alan Lewis, said: "Dementia is a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving, perception or language. These changes are often small to start with but for someone with dementia they have become severe enough to affect daily life.

"A person with dementia may also experience changes in their mood or behaviour. The veterans have become Dementia Friends to help other veterans who may need their support."

Meanwhile, members raised the Armed Force Flag at Coronation Park in Ormskirk on Monday, June 24 as part of the borough's commemoration of Armed Forces Day.

Alan Lewis added: "As a town with strong links to the military, we are very proud of our military history and our armed force veterans' associations in the town.

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Members of the veterans at the Dementia Friends session.

"The association was particularly thrilled to be able to support this event.

"It was an opportunity to say thank-you and show our support to the armed forces, from those current serving to reservists, veterans, and their families."

The veterans will also be attending an Open Day in Wigan on Thursday, July 4 from 10am to 2pm where they will be displaying their memorabilia.

Anyone requiring information about the veterans' assocation can contact Alan Lewis by email at svachair@outlook.com or by ringing 07939 660 048.

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Police to employ drones as fight against crime in county goes more hi-tech

LANCASHIRE Police chiefs say the force is leading the way when it comes to using new technology - including drones - to fight crime.

Officers who work in the Tactical Operations Unit now have access to a pair of drones, as well as a fleet of armed response vehicles (ARVs) containing a groundbreaking new weapons storage system.

The drones have been bought with funding from the office of the police and crime commissioner for use in a variety of incidents including searches for missing people, football matches, firearms incidents, searches for cannabis farms and at the scene of road traffic accidents.

Two drones operating on a 'tag team' basis can provide continuous air support, covering more ground than officers on foot and providing them with a clear, aerial view of a situation. They can also be flown in situations when the police helicopter is unable to deploy, such as bad weather.

A weapons storage system for use in ARVs is also in the process of being rolled out across the county. The new design means weapons on board ARVs will be stored in a specially-designed safe, which will be both secure and easily accessible from the cab of the vehicles, so that officers will not have to stop to get 'kitted up' en route to incidents where an armed response is needed.

Lancashire Police is the first force in the country to roll out such a system.

Force operations manager, Superintendent Julian Platt, said: "Policing has changed a great deal in recent years some processes and technologies that worked perfectly well in the past needed updating to meet current operational requirements.

"We and the commissioner's office have invested resources into researching and bringing to reality these new pieces of kit and we hope it shows not only our commitment to innovation but also to giving our officers on the ground the very best and latest tools to help them as they deal with both daily business and major incidents.

Lancashire Police officers can now use drones for a variety of incidents including missing people searches and traffic accidents.

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The new safe is made from lighter material, putting less weight on vehicles, and is flexible enough to accommodate future changes to weaponry and equipment, but remains as secure as their old system to protect officers in the event of a collision.

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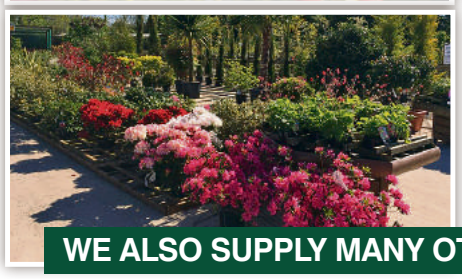

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Live music initiative proves a hit with primary school pupils - and staff!

Report by **Henry James**

PUPILS at a local primary school really got into the swing of things when a team of musicians visited as part of the Rock Kidz initiative, a social enterprise dedicated to teaching children important life lessons through music.

Youngsters at St James' Catholic Primary in Ashurst Road danced, sang and rocked their way through a four-day, whole school programme, covering a range of curricular areas such as SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural development), music and English.

Simon and the Rock Kidz crew brought bundles of energy and enthusiasm to the school and both staff and children were, "simply blown away by the whole experience".

Rock Kidz is a social enterprise "dedicated to teaching children important life lessons through music."

Striking up a winning combination . . .some of the pupils at St James' Catholic Primary pictured with members of the Rock Kidz crew.

'Amazing week'

The programme covers many important messages including bullying, respecting yourselves and each other, aspiring to be the best you can be, and loving ourselves for who we are as we are all unique.

And the week culminated in two 'rock concerts' at Lathom High School showcasing all their hard work to friends and families.

Music subject leader at St James', Mrs Draper, said: "What an amazing week! Both staff and children were buzzing and fully engaged. I would highly recommend Rock Kidz to any school wanting to bring live music into their curriculum, alongside supporting children's mental health and well-being. We felt like we were at a rock concert every day!

One of the pupils, Jasmine, commented: "Rock Kidz rocks! It exceeded my expectations. I loved learning all the catchy songs as they all had a very important message and I also enjoyed 'ask the team' section as we got to know more about Simon, Cameron, Jonathan and Andy."

And Year 2 pupil Thomas added: "My favourite part was when we got to stand up and rock like real rock stars. I want to be a rock star now. This was the best week ever!"

Excited youngsters help Mellors launch their Big Red Bus.

Skem catering company's Big Red Bus hits the road

SKELMERSDALE-based Mellors Catering Services are set to hit the road at the double following the launch of their Big Red Bus.

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The Big Red Bus started its tour with a month-long residency at schools in the Burton area and by the end of this month more than 1,000 pupils and teachers will have enjoyed a lunch experience hosted by Mellors' 'superstar' bus driver Carol Regan.

The Big Red Bus is just one of the activities Mellors offer at their schools and business catering sites.

Mellors' head of nutrition and food development, Danielle Watkins commented: "We're constantly looking for cool new ways to engage with our customers.

'Class treat'

"We aim to make the dining experience as fun as possible and the Mellors Big Red Bus is no exception.

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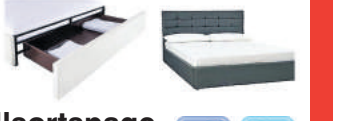

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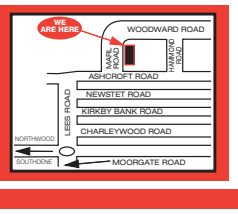

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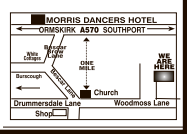

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Hospital trust chief leaves after just 18 months in post

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

JUST 18 months after taking up his role as chief executive of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, Silas Nicholls has shocked health staff by revealing he has quit the post.

Mr Nicholls arrived at the trust with bold predictions of how he wanted to make our two hospitals 'places to be proud of'.

He said: "I have a huge ambition for hospital services in Southport, Formby and West Lancashire. I want to see patient care transformed, making it fit not just for the foreseeable future but for decades ahead."

But it will be a future without Mr Nicolls at the helm following his shock decision to take up a new post as chief executive at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Foundation Trust.

His appointment at Southport and Ormskirk in December 2017 came after a period of acute unrest at the trust following the prolonged departure of former boss Jonathan Parry.

Explaining why he had taken up the role he said: "It's my local hospital and I want to make sure the hospital where I live is one we can be proud of."

He said the trust had been through an uncertain time for both staff and local people over the past few years with no permanent leadership of the two hospitals, adding: "Investment in buildings and staff in A&E at Southport, a new day surgery unit at Ormskirk and two major clinical IT initiatives are each contributing to a safer, calmer trust."

Silas Nicholls.

Among bold ideas he floated was a suggestion in July 2018 that a brand-new hospital could be built between Southport and Ormskirk as part of radical plans to improve health services. Another option put forward during his brief tenure was to centralise most services at one 'hot' site (Southport) with the other (Ormskirk) being used as a 'cold' site for non-urgent and specialised services.

On announcing his shock departure this week, Mr Nicolls, said: "I was expecting to be at Southport and Ormskirk for much longer and I'm sad to be leaving.

"The warm welcome I was given and the commitment and dedication of staff here to always doing their best for patients has impressed me enormously. Together we have built a fantastic foundation for my successor at what will still be my local hospital."

A statement released by Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, read: "Silas Nicholls, chief executive of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, has accepted the role of chief executive at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

"He will take up his new post, subject to council of governors approval, later this year following the retirement of Andrew Foster.

"The trust will begin the process of recruiting a successor shortly."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper commented: "It is disappointing news that Silas Nicholls is resigning as chief executive of Southport & Ormskirk Hospital. He had brought much-needed stability and leadership to the trust after so many interim appointments.

"It is good that he will still be working within West Lancashire but while I offer personal congratulations on his new appointment this is not equally good news for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust.

"A lack of stability at director level in recent years has severely hindered the trust. To be without a permanent chief executive at a time of such turbulence in the NHS is a serious concern. This comes at a crucial time especially while the current review of the future of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust and the services it provides is ongoing. I am concerned that losing the chief executive will have a destabilising effect on the hospital and its staff.

"I am meeting with the Regional Director of NHS Improvement on Friday where I will raise my concerns, and be demanding action to urgently appoint a permanent chief executive, seeking assurances to improve the quality and provision of NHS health services for West Lancashire residents."

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Men-Aces celebrate anniversary with Premier League triumph

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"For months they have battled against teams such as Liverpool, Everton and other elite squads and have confirmed their status as one of the top disabled teams in the country."

Meanwhile next for the Men-Aces is Belfast for a four-day tour where they will be defending their George Best Community Cup crown.

Joseph bidding to trump rivals and claim national title

A CANNY young card player from Up Holland is bidding to be crowned the UK's Top Trumps champion this weekend.

Eight-year-old Joseph Dewhurst is already one of the youngest finalists in the UK Top Trumps Championship which is in its ninth year. Now the Year 4 pupil at St Thomas The Martyr CE Primary School in Up Holland is aiming to go one better by claiming the title in the final at Sherwood Forest.

The UK Top Trumps Championships attracts entries from hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren from all over the UK and Joseph had to overcome many much older rivals to clinch his place.

After negotiating gruelling heats lasting several weeks he then had to design a unique Top Trumps pack of his own on his own to wow the judges in London - which it did!

His delighted mum, Karen, said: "We are absolutely thrilled Joseph has reached the national Top Trumps Final. He showed great concentration and attention to detail while completing his entry - and we're not sure he has totally taken it all in just yet!"

Joseph is aiming to be the UK's Top Trumps champion.

With a brief to produce a deck of cards based on 'Our Amazing World', Joseph opted for Great Cities to design his pack of Top Trumps spanning the four corners of the globe from Sydney to Paris and Cairo to Hong Kong.

The pack cover, which Top Trumps makers Winning Moves say is the most important card because it's the one that appears in the shops, was they said "the very best of all the covers" from all the kids across the UK.

Chair of the Top Trumps judging panel, Katie Lee, marketing executive at Winning Moves UK, said today: "Huge congratulations to Joseph. His pack of Top Trumps impressed us very much. The cover card had a fantastic montage mix of all the world's best cities from Sydney to London and Paris to Pisa.

"In fact, some of the judging panel even did a second take because they thought this was a design from our team of designers!".

The landmarks in Joseph's pack included The Coliseum, The Pyramids and The London Eye.

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Rosie Cooper slams 'continued, blatant privatisation' of NHS

MP seeks reassurances from local hospital chiefs after neighbouring trust's 'price list' for routine operations is revealed

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has again hit out at what she called the "continued and blatant privatisation" of the NHS following revelations that routine treatments such as cataract surgery and hip replacements are being charged for at a local hospital trust.

It emerged this week that Warrington and Halton Hospitals Trust had a list of treatments it charged for under a 'My Choice' programme.

And although the programme has since been 'paused' Ms Cooper has written to the chief executive of the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust to seek reassurances that there are no similar plans for West Lancashire

The West Lancs MP, who is a member of Parliament's Health and Social Care Committee, said: "I have consistently opposed the privatisation of the NHS, but this latest horrific news shows just how 'normal' it has become that a hospital and its board think this

Rosie Cooper: "Will we need to take our credit cards every time we visit hospital?"

is acceptable to taxpayers. They should hang their heads in shame!

"In West Lancashire, the CCG farmed out contracts to the private provider Virgin Care, now at nearby Warrington and Halton the NHS hospital trust itself is charging for treatments including cataract and hip replacements. "It has a list of procedures they're charging for, with hip and knee replacements costing more than £7,000. This is the galloping privatisation of the NHS under the Tories continuing. The outrageous message this NHS Trust is sending is 'Can't afford it? We don't care if you're in pain or can't see!'

"This is a deeply worrying trend with the chief executive of Warrington and Halton also the Sustainability and Transformation Plans lead there who is spearheading hospital services in our area. She should resign her STP position. We don't need a privatiser pushing the future changes in this area!

"I have written to the Health Secretary asking him to explain why cataracts, replacement hips and knees have become procedures of low value when they make a huge difference to the lives and wellbeing of sufferers.

"What's next? Will we need to take our credit cards with us every time we visit hospital?

"I've also written to the chief executive of Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, as well as the CCG and STP chiefs to ensure they don't have similar plans for West Lancashire."

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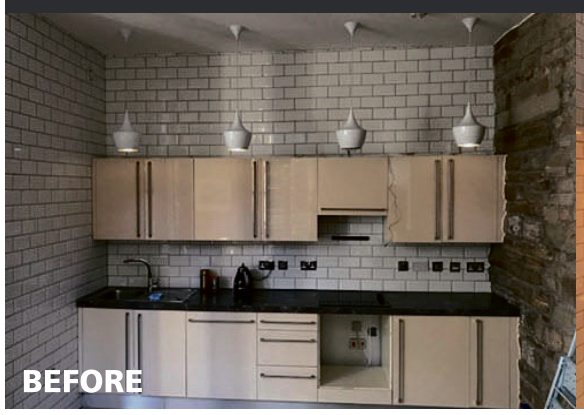

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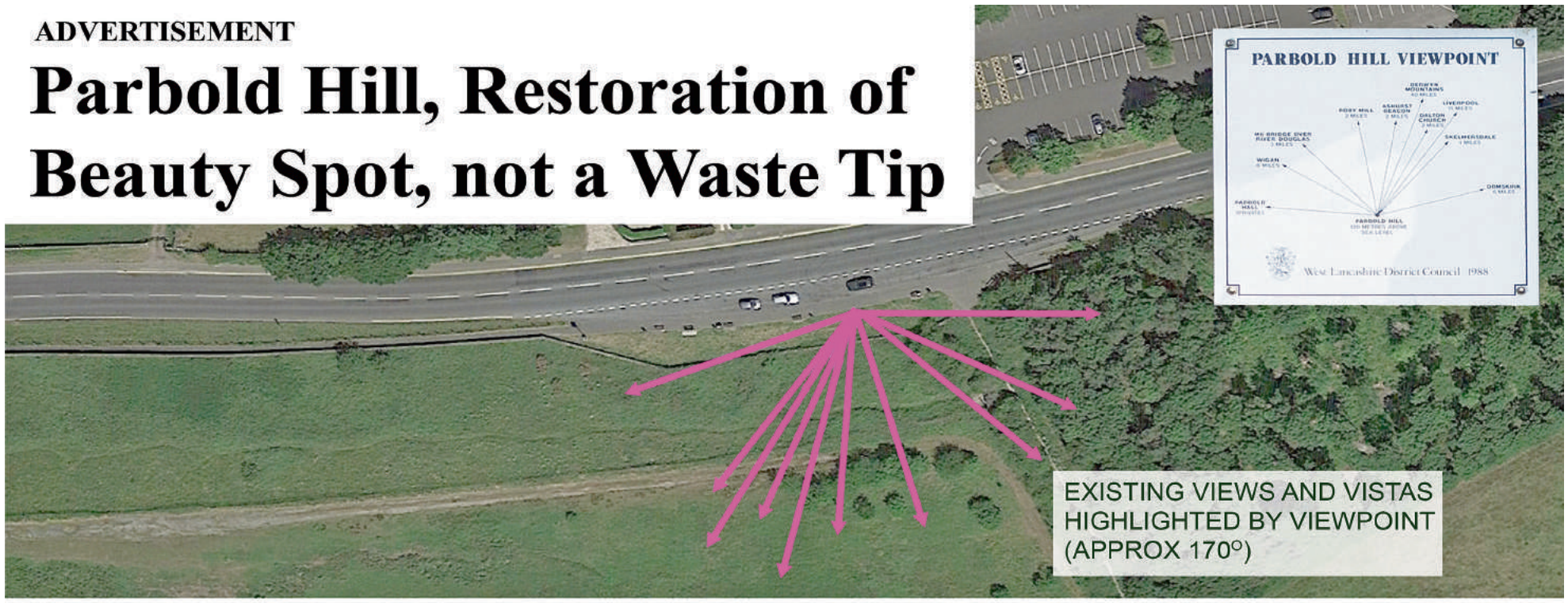

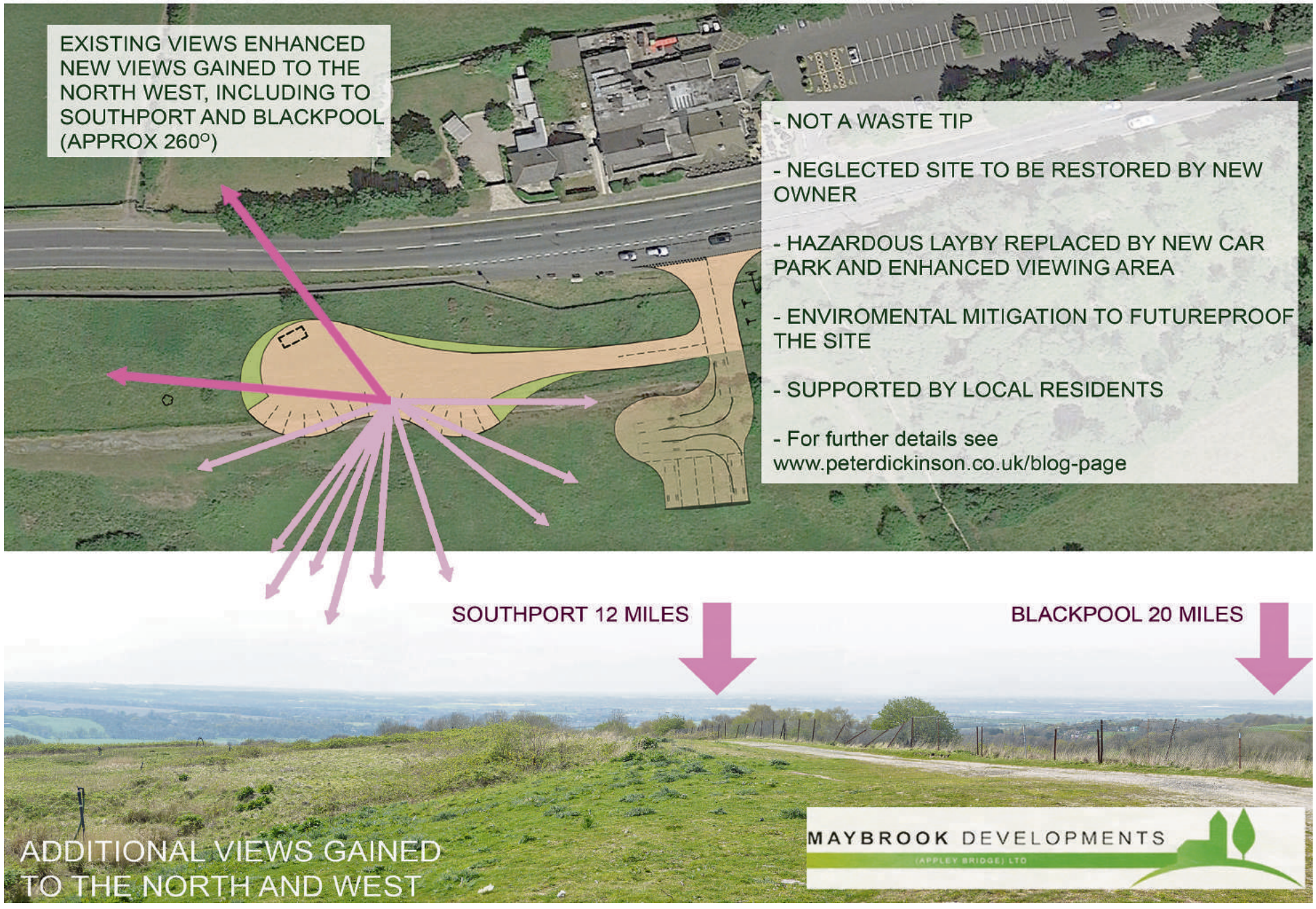
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THIS year marks 100 years of social housing and West Lancashire Borough Council is asking its tenants to help celebrate this milestone anniversary.

The 1919 Housing Act, also known as the Addison Act after its author, Dr Christopher Addison, gave local authorities responsibility for providing the homes needed by local people.

West Lancs Council provides homes for nearly 6,000 tenants and the authority is encouraging residents in the borough to tell them their personal stories which, in turn, will help it to tell the story of council housing in the area.

Among the information the council is seeking are the following:

- **What was it like moving into your council home?**
- **Did you move from another area?**

Councillor Jenny Forshaw.

- **What were the first impressions of your new place to live?**
- **What are the good things about living in your community?**

These are just some of the topics about which the council would like to hear from residents.

And tenants' 'happy tales' will feature prominently in a 100th anniversary celebration package.

Part of this will include the council's '100 days for 100 years of social housing' social media campaign which people can see by following @westlancsbc on Twitter and Facebook.

Tenants wishing to get in contact with the council's communications team are asked to email comms.team@westlancs.gov.uk.

Councillor Jenny Forshaw, cabinet member for housing and landlord services, said: "Our estates are more than just homes, they are communities brought to life by the people that live there.

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Hillsborough match commander to face retrial in October

HILLSBOROUGH match commander David Duckenfield will face a retrial over the deaths of 95 Liverpool fans in the 1989 disaster.

The Champion reported in April how a jury had failed to reach a verdict on the former chief superintendent, who had denied gross negligence manslaughter.

The 74-year-old's lawyers had opposed an application for a retrial but on Tuesday (June 25) this was confirmed, with a trial due to begin on October 7 at Preston Crown Court.

96 Liverpool fans died in the crush on the Leppings Lane terrace at the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on April 15, 1989. However, the 96th victim, Tony Bland, died more than a year and a day after the disaster and so could not be included in the prosecution.

Following the conclusion of Mr Duckenfield's trial in April, Hillsborough Family Support Group chairwoman, Margaret Aspinall, said "we have still got a long journey."

The 10-week trial at Preston Crown Court saw the jury deliberate for more than 29 hours but they were unable to agree on whether Mr Duckenfield was guilty or not guilty of manslaughter by gross negligence.

Bishop and civic duo celebrate primary school's 175th birthday

THE Bishop of Liverpool Paul Bayes and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen and Councillor Terry Aldridge, were among around 120 guests who helped to celebrate Bickerstaffe CE Primary School's 175th birthday.

Also joining in the occasion were former staff members and pupils, as well as local residents.

After visiting classes to talk to the children, the Bishop opened proceedings by offering prayers and blessings for the school, children, staff, parents and local community.

This was followed by pupils singing, dancing and reading out poems for the assembled audience, as well as re-enacting memories from past pupils.

Following the entertainment, the Mayor cut the birthday cake and the school's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association served up a selection of sandwiches and cakes with tea and coffee.

Guests were also presented with a small memento of the occasion.

The Mayor, Cllr. Gaynar Owen, cuts the 175th birthday cake flanked by Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Terry Aldridge and Bickerstaffe CE Primary headteacher, Maggie Teachen.

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I can see both sides of Classic FM debate but where have all the singers gone?

RE: Jim Sharpe's column (June 12) regarding Classic FM veering away from the 'old masters' and including more modern film themes, followed by him receiving a 'rap on the knuckles ' from another letter-writer (Champion, June 19) I can sympathise with both views.

Yes, I do enjoy the lighter type of music i.e. John Dunbar theme, Out of Africa, Ladies in Lavender, Schindler 's List, Band of Brothers etc. - but will these stand the test of time like Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, Shostakovich etc, or, like a meteor, just gradually fade away?

Having sung for most of my life and been an avid listener to Classic FM since its inception in1992 (when I was wooed by the dulcet tones of Nick Bailey, sadly now retired) and greatly enjoyed their rich and varied presentations of composers and soloists, my grouse with the programme now, seemingly since Global took over, is the absence of solo voices.

I feel that they are doing us - old and young - a disservice and although I have contacted various presenters, via text, I have yet to receive one reply to my question: 'Where have all the singers gone?'

We have had such a wealth of wonderful voice down the years. i.e. Callas, Ferrier, Sutherland, Caballe etc. and more recently Fleming, Jenkins, Garrett, Westernra etc., not forgetting the male contingent.

Why, when youth choirs and young singers are so enthusiastic, are the hierarchy of Classic FM not encouraging the solo voices anymore? And to my mind 'missing a trick'.

Is it due to the fact that lots of their presenters now are ex-TV (probably due to the fact that their looks have aged a little for TV !) or is it down to 'royalties'?

I would love an answer because I now find their programmes a little monotonous and rather boring.

I've challenged Aled Jones, ex boy treble, to give me a reason but without response.

So I wonder if Jim Sharpe (whom I see not as a grumpy old man but showing sanity, balance and just plain nous in these rather 'crazy'days!) could look into my complaint, please?

Ruth Barraclough, Aughton.

County council's highways department deserve praise for a job excellently done

DURING the course of the last week one of the gullies in Crabtree Lane, Burscough became blocked. This flooded the driveways of two houses and came close to entering one of the homes.

The county council's highways department were contacted and they had someone on site within 90 minutes with a gulley wagon.

It turned out that this was not an easy fix and so they returned later with a jetter but were still unable to locate the source of the problem.

In the following days they returned with a digger to find out where the problem was.

It would appear that whilst the telegraph pole was being inserted into the ground as far back as 10 years ago, it pierced a 12-inch drainage pipe and gradually over the years it has blocked the system up entirely.

They managed to get the water running again but the telegraph pole will most probably need relocating. This should be addressed in the near future.

Since having been flooded myself in recent years I have taken a keen interest in flooding issues and became a member of Burscough Flood Group. The group and myself would wish to highlight and praise the quick response and excellent work of the highways department.

The crew that came did a fantastic job. If you have to call them out, then please remember they did not cause your problem, they came to fix it. Treat them well and maybe offer them a cup of tea.

Bernie W., by email.

PICTURE of the week

READER Phil Hope from Skelmersdale submitted this picture of a Satin Moth which he took during a visit to Ainsdale Discovery Centre with the Beacon Photographic Club.

If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to editorial@champnews.com.

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Many over-75s can afford to pay for TV licences

I REALLY can't understand the uproar over the taking away of free licences from all those over-75s not receiving Pension Credit.

At the moment I am in receipt of Pension Credit Guarantee which means I am on a low income but I am paying for my licence the same as everyone else and will have to continue to do so for another two years.

Now if I can afford the £13.20 a month I'm pretty sure those on higher pensions can too!

As we age we have less things to spend our money on - our cars do less miles so last longer and we tend not to spend on clothes as much.

The Government increases our pensions yearly so stop moaning and making political mischief.

They are not taking the licences off poor people but off those who can well afford to pay. If I can afford to pay up until I am 75 so can most pensioners pay from 75 onwards

Mr J. E. Marshall, by email.

Bypass is the only real solution to traffic problem

WITH regard to David Johnson's 'solution' (Champion, June 19)of fining lorries who cross the 18-ton weight limit on the Derby Street railway bridge, the reason why it is hard to police it is lorries are still allowed to cross provided they don't exceed that limit.

A lorry with six axles (max weight 44-ton) in total will weigh roughly 15 ton unladen. Unless there is a traffic officer/police with a mobile weighbridge and an area to weigh the lorries there is no true way to control it.

Only real solution with the lorries is a bypass, which won't happen in our lifetime due to lack of funds, short-term planning, political point-scoring or planning restrictions - take your pick.

One way to relieve congestion would be to put up cameras, as suggested by Mr Johnson, but place them at the yellow box junction on St Helens Road and Park Road.

Quite often cars stop in the box (even councillors) driving around the one-way system. This stops traffic coming from the university as they are blocked, causing frustration and long delays. That's where funding for projects can come from.

Leon Graham, Burscough.

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IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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160,000 members of the Conservative Party deciding the country's next Prime Minister is unfair and undemocratic

AS the Conservative leadership contest draws to its climax, one burning question comes to mind. For the past two-and-a-half years, we have heard those supporting a hard Brexit, soft Brexit, Theresa May's deal - well, any sort of Brexit you can think of, really - demand that we respect the result of the referendum as that, they say, is how democracy works.

That is all very well but how, then, do they think, it is 'democratic' that our next Prime Minister will be chosen not by the British public but by 160,000 members?

This is a man who will be the most powerful person in our nation and ordinary British people will not get a say in who it is.

I find none of the remaining candidates in the leadership contest palatable or acceptable because none of them represent my values. Nor, I imagine, do they represent the majority of this Labour-voting constituency.

The runaway favourite, Boris Johnson, has clearly stated his intentions for a No-Deal Brexit, something which most agree would have disastrous consequences for the UK economy and the futures of so many young people such as myself.

How is it fair, then, that our fates are decided by 0.2% of the population, the majority of whom are over the age of 55?

This is arrogant, autocratic and destructive. The one thing it's not, however, is democratic.

Joseph Caygill, Ormskirk.

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County council to spend £1.2m on 'moss roads' repairs

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has agreed plans to spend £1.2m on improving roads which support agricultural and horticultural industry vital to rural communities, including a number in West Lancs.

There are more than 350 miles of these so-called 'moss roads' in the county which are difficult to maintain because they are built on soft, peaty ground. They also receive a lot of wear, often due to being used by heavy farming vehicles, as well as commuter traffic.

Changes in weather patterns in recent years have led to the peat on which they are built drying out, causing cracking, undulations, and subsidence to road surfaces.

Repairs to these can be very costly compared with maintenance of others as work can be needed to rebuild their foundations as well as the top surface layers.

A report to the county council's cabinet outlined a new Moss Road Strategy designed to classify all such roads according to their importance to the economy and local communities, and prioritise maintenance accordingly.

County Councillor Keith Iddon.

In general, the highest priority will be given to roads which serve local communities connecting routes for commuters, provide access to large businesses and industry, and link key economic areas together.

Focused

However the programme of maintenance agreed also reflects the need for urgent repairs to some more minor roads where undulations have formed due to the peat on which they are built having dried out.

The majority of 'moss roads' are in the west of the county, and the £1.2m programme of maintenance will be focused on roads in West Lancashire and Wyre which have been identified as the highest priority for repair in the coming year. This includes a resurfacing scheme estimated to cost £200k for Gravel Lane in Banks.

The cabinet member for highways and transport, County Councillor Keith Iddon, said: "This strategy recognises the importance of the moss roads to rural businesses and communities, and that we need a particular approach to maintaining them, particularly because the ground they are built on means that repairs can be far more costly when compared with other roads.

"We already take the same approach to maintenance of all our roads by prioritising them according to their importance and using survey data to identify when timely maintenance will be most cost effective.

"However it makes sense to classify moss roads separately to balance the unique demands of maintaining them against the financial constraints which apply to all county council services."

The strategy also outlines that the council will seek to ensure that all moss roads remain safe by carrying out running repairs, with highways teams also able to use signs or introduce changes to regulations such as lower speed limits if necessary.

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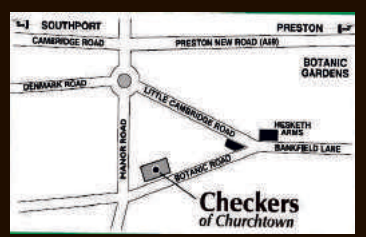

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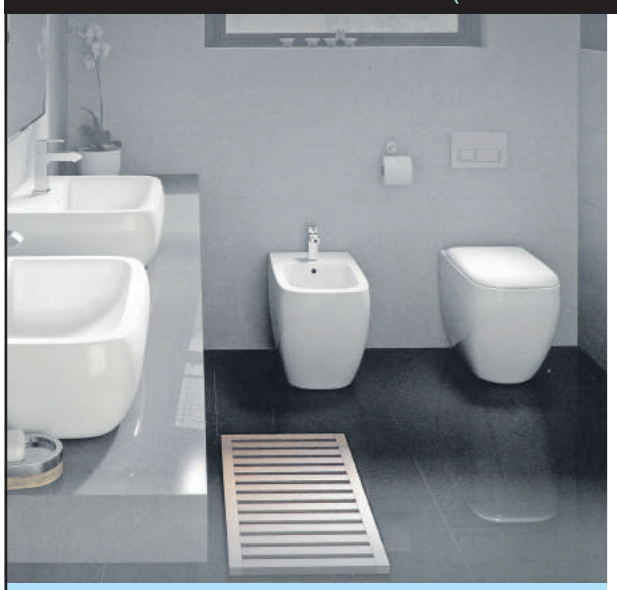

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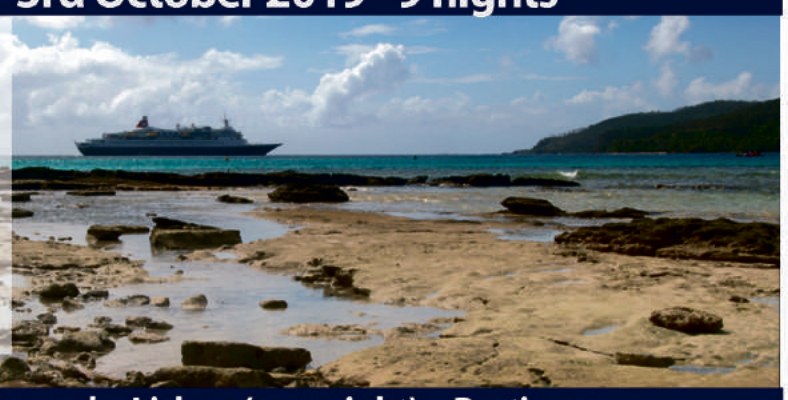

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When a drink and a chat got me a free coach ride home . . .

I RECEIVED a genuinely lovely letter last week from a lady in Litherland (which was my 'patch' for a while many years ago when I worked for the Crosby Herald.)

It told of her wonderful pet Collie, Snowy and it almost brought tears to my eyes. So, Sheila, if you could contact the Champion office and leave your phone number, I would very much like to have a chat with you.

Getting a letter from Litherland took me back (yes, again) to the 1960s. Throughout my career working on local papers (with a rather long interregnum as a journalist in industry) I have always taken a special interest in local government. So it was natural that I would regularly attend meetings of the then Litherland Urban District Council.

Litherland UDC was different in several ways from other local councils I had been concerned with. But one difference in particular which appealed greatly to me at the time, was that instead of meetings starting mid-evening and running on usually almost to pub closing time (10.30pm in those days), Litherland UDC's started at, I think, about 5pm.

And because that meant that its members had to hurry from work with no evening meal, the council thoughtfully provided what we termed 'rates sandwiches' - butties for us paid out of the rates. For me that was a special boon at the time. I had just moved into a bed-sitter in Crosby and since my pay was still, shall we say, small, free food came as a real blessing!

Those meetings always provided some good copy for the paper as well. On one occasion the council had invested a fair sum of money on a brand-new, all-singing, all-dancing bin lorry and I, along with a photographer, was invited to the council depot to witness its delivery. But nobody had bothered to check this new behemoth's measurements and it was a few inches too high to get into its new home! I can't remember what the outcome was but those were happy, carefree days and events such as this were funny, not tragic.

I also covered Crosby Council and one alderman who owned a jeweller's shop provided me with a cost-price wedding ring. Not all the councillors were that kind though. It was the practice those days for each of the councillors to go on an annual inspection of their empire and again I was invited along.

Two brand-new coaches from the old Ribble bus company were hired for the outing and we set off in fine style from Waterloo Town Hall. Having gazed at the wonders of sewage and the glories of the town's parks, we ended up at the Hightown Hotel where supper had been laid on.

Now I really cannot remember why (perhaps it was because of my interest in buses) but I decided to forego that treat and instead trundled round to the public bar where I discovered the coach drivers drinking lemonade and spent a happy 45 minutes or so chatting to them.

Anyway, by the time we eventually arrived back at the town hall it was getting rather late. By this time I was recently married and living in a terraced house, two-up, two-down, in Bootle, so I stood by the door of 'my' coach and asked successive councillors if there was any chance of a lift Bootle-wards. Blank looks followed.

Until 'my' coach driver leant over from his seat and said: "Never mind them son, I'll take you home." Which he did - all the way to my door. It caused quite a stir at the time, though I fancy some of my neighbours thought I was quite bonkers anyway.

I'll tell you something though. The old adage about you being able to leave your front door open if you lived in one of those back street terraces was absolutely true. Your house was safe, your car (if you had one) was safe. Everyone knew everyone else and strangers were noted (and watched).

County council 'handyperson' service to shut from March 31 next year

A LANCASHIRE County Council handyman scheme for the elderly and disabled is to be axed next year as part of changes to the authority's Integrated Home Improvement Service approved by the cabinet.

The service provides practical help to people seeking to improve their home, including a minor adaptation scheme for improvements such as ramps and hand rails up to the value of £1,000, which will continue.

However, other support including providing a handyperson for small repair jobs, home visits to assess what improvement work is needed and advice to help people draw up plans, will be discontinued by March 31, 2020.

In addition to these changes the cabinet also agreed to run a procurement exercise to find a new provider or providers to deliver the minor adaptations scheme and use £500,000 funding previously agreed to help to manage the changes to the home improvement schemes.

The decisions follows consultation with people and partner organisations earlier this year.

Cabinet member for health and wellbeing, County Councillor Shaun Turner, said: "Taking decisions like this is not something we do lightly. We have lots of competing demands on our budgets, ranging from adult and children's social care, through to highways maintenance.

"Although the consultation showed that many schemes we provide as part of the Integrated Home Improvement Service are highly valued, it is not a service that we are legally required to provide. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to fund them.

"We will continue to provide the minor adaptations part of the service, which allows people to make adaptations to their home up to the value of £1,000 if they are eligible under social care legislation.

"Work such as installing handrails and ramps for people with mobility issues can be carried out under this scheme. We will continue to work with our partners to find new approaches to help people to stay fit and well at home."

County Councillor Shaun Turner.

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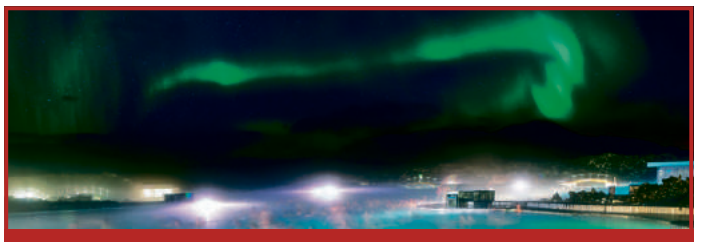

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The open days are aimed at giving would-be recruits a chance to have a look around and find out more about what the role entails.

Skelmersdale Fire Station, Tanhhouse Road will be open to the public tonight (Wednesday, June 26) from 6 to 8.30pm, while Ormskirk Fire Station, County Road will be open on Saturday, July 6 from 10am to 4pm.

Retained firefighters provide a back-up service to full-time staff and are paid a salary and receive compensation for call-outs and training.

Applicants, aged 18-plus, should have a good level of all-round fitness with no underlying health conditions.

They should also live or work within five minutes of their nearest station, have a good standard of eyesight (no colour blindness) and hearing (aided/unaided); and be literate and numerate.

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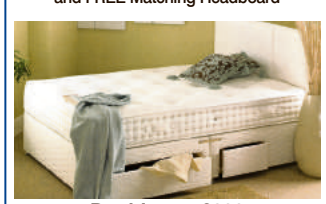
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College high achievers celebrate awards

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Students were recognised for their outstanding contributions to community & enterprise, Student Voice, citizenship and diversity, and there were special awards for student of the year for BTEC, apprenticeship, technical, Access to Higher Education, supported learning, maths, English and the Highest Performing Group.

Nominees for each category received a certificate with the overall winner being presented with an award, each sponsored by one of the college's employer partners.

More than 100 nominations were received from tutors and staff across the college and judged by the principal.

The winners were:

- Outstanding Contribution to Community & Enterprise, sponsored by Hotter - Public Services Level 3 group.
- Outstanding Contribution to Citizenship, sponsored by Holland Hall - Kathryne Jane Knowles.
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Voice, sponsored by Graylaw Freight - Bence Gebei.
- Outstanding Contribution to Diversity, sponsored by NCG - Emily Bowdler.
- Highest Achieving Group, sponsored by Peel Ports - Hairdressing Level 3.
- Apprentice of the Year, sponsored by Graylaw Freight -Katie Garner.
- Access Student of the Year, sponsored by NCG - Karla Johnson.
- Supported Learning Student of the Year, sponsored by NCG -to Katie Langford.
- Technical Skills Student of the Year, sponsored by Keep Moat -Christopher Ratcliffe.
- BTEC Student of the Year, sponsored by Peel Ports - Sophie Lathom.
- Maths Student of the Year, sponsored by NCG - Dylan Searson.
- English Student of the Year, sponsored by NCG - Rebecca Hayes.

College principal, Denise Williamson, said: "It was a fantastic evening with a great opportunity to meet all of the students who have been recognised for their outstanding performance. The sponsorship from local businesses was greatly appreciated, and I would like to thank those companies who attended the evening to present the awards along with Mark Whitworth, CEO of Peel Ports Group and chair of the West Lancashire College Board."

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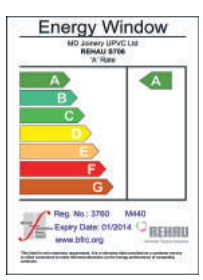

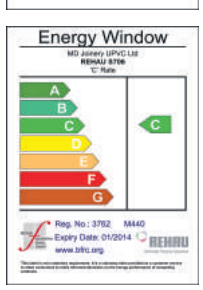

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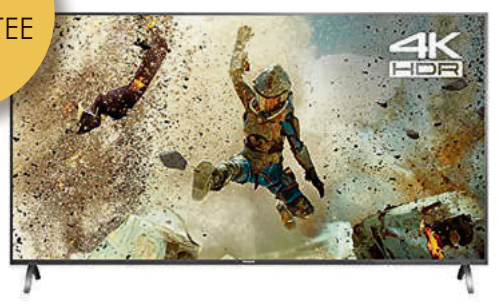

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For the ninth year in a row, St. Mary's College will stage the musical spectacular at its Blundell Park playing field on Little Crosby Road at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th July.

Proms in the Park will feature 250 talented young musicians from St Mary's College & Preparatory School, conducted by the school's director of Music, Andrew Byers. There will also be a special guest performance by renowned International Soprano and former St Mary's pupil Rachael Russell. Our guest school this year will be Great Crosby RC Primary School.

Compere for the event will be BBC Radio Merseyside presenter Roger Phillips.

The St. Mary's pupils will play all the old favourites from the annual Last Night of the Proms concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

These include Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 (Land of Hope and Glory), Jerusalem, the Fantasia on British Sea Songs written by Proms founder Henry Wood and, of course, Rule Britannia.

The concert will feature some special surprises including an all-new pyrotechnic finale.

St. Mary's Principal, Mike Kennedy, commented: "The Last Night of the Proms concert has been a tradition at the school for many years now, but staging it in the open air in recent summers has brought a whole new dimension to the event. "Following the excellent feedback we received in 2018, we're hoping for an even bigger audience this year."

"They will be able to enjoy a concert that will be both a rousing way to end the school year and a wonderful showcase for the wealth of musical talent here at St. Mary's," added Mr Kennedy.

Advanced ticket prices for the concert are £17.50 for adults, £10.00 for children (applies to students) and £50.00 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children). Entrance is free for children under five.

For more information about the event and to book tickets please ring St. Mary's College on 0151 924 3926 or email proms@stmarys.lpool.sch.uk.

Sun comes out as record crowd enjoy village fair

MORE than 3,000 people attended events during Newburgh Fair Week which started with a Community Celebration Service and culminated with the fair on Saturday (June 22) with record crowds enjoying a lovely mid-summer day out.

Saturday started with an hour-long procession through the streets of the village, led by the Red Admiral Music Academy band from Mawdesley and featuring a Wonders of the World theme.

The fair was opened by retiring headteacher of Newburgh CE Primary School, Janice Reynolds and her successor, Rebecca Fowler and nine-year-old Annabel Costello, was crowned 2019 Rose Queen.

Attractions on the day included Newburgh CE Primary School choir, karate and gymnastics demonstrations, circus skills workshops, Morris dancing, a dog show and three tug of war competitions - all won by girls teams!

Meanwhiile events during the week included a sell-out folk evening with Wigan-based Merry Hell; a Douglas Valley Lions Bingo night; a movie-themed ladies night organised by the PTA; a quiz night and a hoedown with energetic dancing on Saturday evening.

● More pictures online at https://www.champnews.com/

Crowning moment for the 2019 Rose Queen, nine-year-old Annabel Costello.

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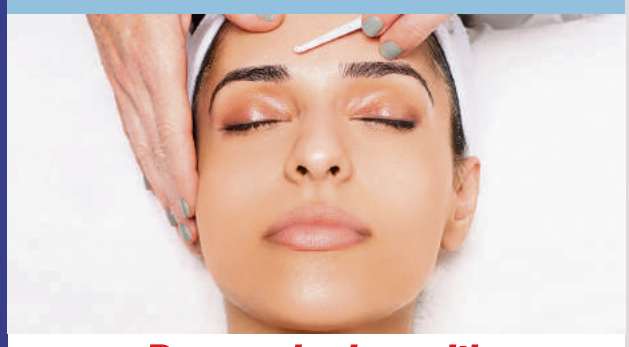

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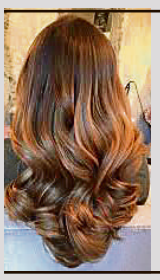

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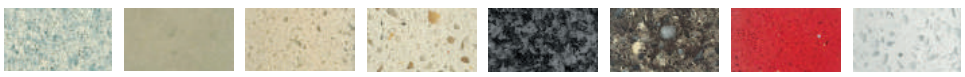

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Nursery raises £750 for mental health charity

STAFF at the Portico at West End Nursery in Grimshaw Lane, Ormskirk, raised £750 for local mental health charity Hope Street by holding a garden party for the children, their parents and the local community.

The event featured various games and stalls, plus a raffle with prizes generously donated by local businesses, including toys, beauty treatments, food gift vouchers at local pubs/restaurants, hampers, remote-controlled cars and drones.

Hope Street, based at the Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk, offers support to people and their families who suffer with depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder.

Sheila Byrne, co-founder of Hope Street, attended the party, and was "overwhelmed" that Portico had chosen to help them by raising funds and awareness of their work in the community.

Nursery manager, Amanda Wiley, said: "We support not just the children but their parents through many difficult times. We champion the service and the help Hope Street gives to so many."

RAF fly-past to light up village carnival again

WESTHEAD is gearing up this year's village carnival running from Thursday to Saturday, July 4 to 6 when the RAF will once again provide a spectacular fly-past.

A RAF Douglas C-47 Dakota will once again perform a fly-past at Westhead Carnival.

The theme for this year's carnival is 'Something Beginning with A' in honour of Alison Albion who is set to step down as head of Westhead Lathom St James CE Primary School after 21 years.

Centred around the marquee on the school playing field in School Lane, the carnival will kick off with a car boot sale starting at 5pm on Thursday followed by a family bingo run by the parents and teachers association from 7.30pm.

Continuing with the theme, a fancy dress ball featuring characters beginning with the letter A will be held on the Friday from 7.30pm.

Then on Saturday the carnival procession, featuring Skelmersdale Brass Band and the Blood Bikes, will set off at 12.30pm from Cross Hall Brow and progress through the village to the School Lane field where the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen, will crown the Carnival Queen.

The mayor will then judge the best fancy dressed class from the school before officially opening the carnival which includes stalls, amusements and various entertainment.

This will be the second successive year that the carnival has been supported by the RAF and carnival committee member, Matthew Griffiths says they are eagerly anticipating another fly-past by a RAF Douglas C-47 Dakota.

Pitches for the car boot sale cost £5 per car or £6 for larger vehicles and there is no need to book, just turn up on the day.

Tickets for the fancy dress ball, priced £10, are limited and available from Charlotte Rowles on 07796 098 746 or Carol Pritchard on 07717 484 180. Fancy dress is not compulsory but highly recommended.

The carnival is run by a small committee of villagers who are keen to welcome new members. For further information or to book a stall at the carnival on Saturday visit www.facebook.com/westhead-carnival/.

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Borough's budding soccer starlets enjoy trip of a lifetime to Women's World Cup

Fundraising efforts by Burscough pub regulars helps to finance schoolgirls squad journey to watch the 'Lionesses' in action in France

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE members of a girls under-11s football team have enjoyed the trip of a lifetime watching England play Japan at the Women's World Cup in France.

Thanks to fundraising efforts at the Bull and Dog Inn in Burscough, which also provided personally-initialled hooded tops, eleven of the West Lancashire Girls District U-11s Schools headed out to Nice last week to watch the national side play at the Allianz Riviera Stadium.

On the first day of their three-day stay, the youngsters *(pictured above during their stay in France)* got to watch the England women's team in a pre-game warm-up before they went on to beat their Asian rivals 2-0.

'Brilliant experience'

Then after having a day enjoying some sightseeing, the young footballers got a chance to show off their own skills in nearby Monte Carlo by playing a side from the International School of Monaco.

John Robinson, Manager of the Bull and Dog, whose daughter Brooke was one of the party, said: "It was a very special moment for the girls to watch the World Cup game and they took in every moment, realising this could be their dream future playing at this high level.

"It was a brilliant experience for the girls, as England won 2-0. All the girls were on a high with excitement for the rest of the evening travelling back to their hotel."

John said it is Brooke's dream to become a professional footballer and added: "Though she came back three days ago she is still talking about it!"

The Bull and Dog raised £896 to help finance the trip by holding a bingo night and raffle, for which local businesses donated prizes, and collections in the pub.

Regulars also took part in a fundraising bike ride from Wigan to Burscough dropping off at local pubs on the way with a collection tin.

And the girls themselves raised an additional £270 by bag-packing at local supermarkets including Asda, Morrisons and Booths.

Speaking on behalf of the girls team and families, John added: "A big special mention and thank-you to the Bull and Dog Inn, Tony Riley, the area manager of Punch Taverns and West Lancashire Sports Partnerships, including Jennifer Tuffs, the girls' football coach, for letting the girls be a part of this fantastic journey that will stay with them a lifetime."

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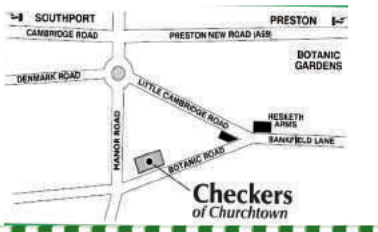

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Care trust worker Sam in running for national award for helping young people with mental health issues

A LANCASHIRE Care Trust worker has been nominated for a prestigious national award for his work in helping young people with mental health issues.

Sam Tyrer, Early Intervention and Prevention Lead in Lancashire Care's Children and Young People's Network, has been shortlisted for the St Josephine Bakhita Celebrating Human Dignity accolade at this year's Celebrating Young People Awards.

The 26-year-old has been nominated for his dedication to improving the lives of young people and supporting them to be able to live a life of dignity through his Change Talks programme.

Sam Tyrer.

Sam launched the programme at the beginning of 2018 and works with schools and colleges across the county, including West Lancs, delivering educational talks, workshops and events focusing on mental health.

Change Talks' mission is to revolutionise the way we think, talk and act about mental health in order to reduce stigma, increase awareness and promote coping strategies, leading to a healthier and happier mind.

Sam said: " Change Talks has been one of the most incredible journeys of my life and I am truly humbled that somebody took the time to nominate me for an award. I hope to continue to develop this work and make an impact to our communities. Thank you for everyone's support."

Winners of each category and an overall winner of all winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at Leicester Square in London on Wednesday, July 3.

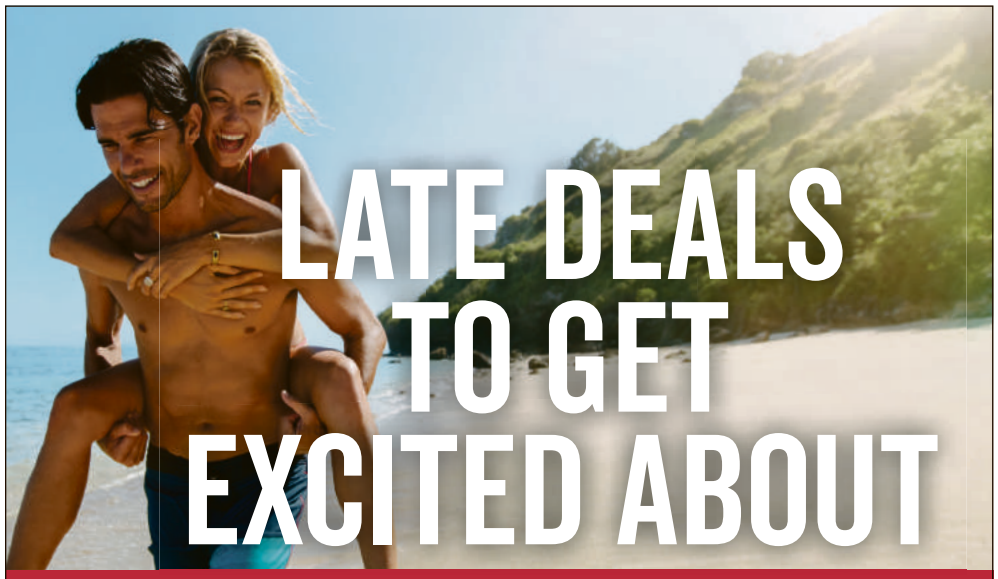
Nursing recruitment event at hospital

A RECRUITMENT event is being held tomorrow (Thursday, June 27) at Southport Hospital.

Roles are available for band five registered nurses, or student nurses soon to qualify, at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

The event will run from 5 to 8pm at the Clinical Education Centre when teams will be on hand to answer questions about different departments and what it is like to work at the trust.

Advice will also be available about career development and training, while NHS professionals will also be on hand for anyone looking for temporary roles with the nursing bank. For more information, email carol.fowler@nhs.net



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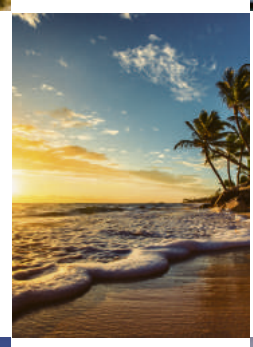

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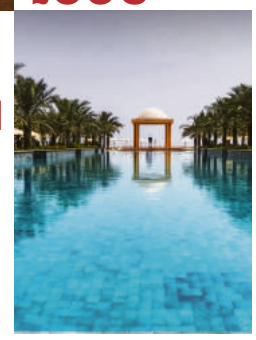

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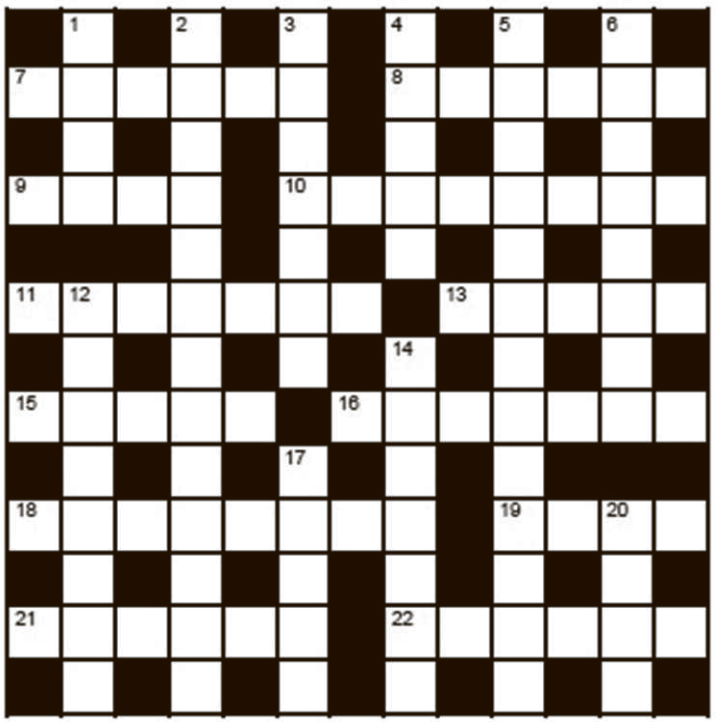

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11. The side of a vehicle furthest from the kerb (7)
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15. A compact disc used as a read-only optical memory device for a computer system (2-3)
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Entries invited for second Burscough Scarecrow Festival

BURSCOUGH is set to host its second scarecrow festival in aid of local good causes.

The event, organised by local resident Julie Woods, will take place over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, July 6 and 7.

Last year's festival exceeded expectations by attracting more than 100 entrants and hopes are high that this year will prove equally successful.

Also on the Sunday there will be a fun day at Burscough Cricket Club in School Lane, featuring a Bake-Off competition; a dog show ('Scruffs'); live music, a bouncy castle, hog roast and bar.

The cost to enter the Scarecrow Festival is £5 for residential entrants and £10 for businesses.

Entry fee for the Bake-Off competition is £5 with contestants bidding to win the best cake award.

All cakes will then be entered into a raffle on the day to raise more money.

Cost to enter Scruffs is £2 per dog.

Application forms to compete in the Scarecrow Festival are available from Booths store coffee shop on the Ringtail Retail Park, Pippin Street; Esquires Barbers, Liverpool Road North; and Burscough Cricket Club (on Saturday and Sunday). These must be handed into the cricket club by Sunday, June 30.

Forms to enter the Bake-Off and Scruffs can be downloaded from the Burscough Scarecrow Festival Facebook page. These should also be handed in to the cricket club by Sunday, June 30 but can be handed in on the day of the festival if entrants let organisers know of their intention to take part beforehand via Facebook.

For more information contact Rachel Domigan on 07824 878 979.

Also, as part of the Scarecrow Festival, but raising money for Ghana-based charity, One Little Village, there will be a duck race on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal starting at 11am on the Sunday. Cost is £2. For more details see Facebook page One Little Village or ring 07741 261 094.

This 'Gangsta Granny' scarecrow was one of last year's festival entries.

Cheers! Court Leet is toast of CAMRA's cider drinkers

MANAGEMENT and customers of an Ormskirk are toasting success after being recognised for the quality and selection of its cider offering.

The Court Leet in Wheatsheaf Walk has been named the Southport & West Lancashire CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) West Lancashire Cider Pub of the Year 2019.

Manager Lisa Newton, who has run the pub for the past three years, said: "The team and I are absolutely delighted with this award - the first time we have won this title.

"Thanks to the CAMRA members for voting and recognising us for this accolade."

● Pictured: Court Lee deputy manager Andy Swords (right) receives the certificate from CAMRA branch chair Doug Macadam (left) and member Chris Sanderson

Pledge to repair damaged pavement

LANCASHIRE County Council has pledged to repair a damaged pavement in Ormskirk after residents raised concerns with the Champion.

Neighbours said two holes appeared in the pavement in Ravenscroft Avenue last year but despite repeated complaints nothing had been done.

After being contacted by the Champion, however, a spokesman for the authority said: "Our local highways team will inspect this location. It looks like there may be an underlying issue, in which case they will make a temporary repair for safety at first and re-visit to carry out further investigations in due course."

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Martin Mere news

Flamingo chicks hatch at Martin Mere Wetland Centre

Staff and volunteers at Martin Mere are celebrating after six Greater Flamingo chicks have hatched at the centre. Flamingos are a firm favourite with staff and visitors, often displaying their courtship routines and getting up close to visitors, so the new arrivals are going to be a big hit.

When you arrive at the centre, head out through the shop doors to visit the flock. The new chicks can be seen sitting on the impressive nests built by their parents. Unlike their pink parents, Greater Flamingo chicks are actually grey when they hatch and won't get their pink feathers until they're around two to four years old.

Aviculture and Captive Animal Manager Steve Nasir said "We're thrilled to see the safe arrival of two Greater Flamingo chicks. It's a tremendous achievement by all who help to look after our flamingo flock and ends the breeding season on a high note. Staff, volunteers and visitors can watch these lovely new arrivals grow over the summer so it's definitely something to look forward to."

Martin Mere is home to around 60 adult Greater Flamingos and we're really excited to see the flock grow in size. There are another 9 eggs on nests at the centre so staff and visitors will be eagerly watching over the next few weeks to see how many more hatch. Come and see the adorable chicks for yourself this June!

As well as the new arrivals, our on-site duckling nursery is open during weekends between 11am-1pm - there are plenty of ducklings and chicks to see. From avocet chicks to domestic ducks, you can see ducklings at various stages of their lives and find out more about the work that our aviculturists do.

Whilst you're visiting, don't forget to check out our brand new Pond Zone with pond dipping facilities which is open during weekends. Grab a net and discover a whole world of incredible underwater life!

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Picture House release details of summer season

HELPERS at Parbold Picture House have released their list of films and theatre streamings for the summer season.

This Thursday (June 27) at 7pm they are to show the National Theatre production of Small Island. It is based on the novel by Andrea Levy, adapted by Helen Edmundson. A company of 40 actors embarks on the story of a journey from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948 – the year the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury.

Can you ever forgive me? is being shown on Sunday, July 7 at 7pm. The film is directed by Marielle Heller and stars Melissa McCarthy, and Richard E Grant. In the film Lee Israel's failing writing career leads her to literary fraud.

People can see Colette on Sunday, July 21 at 7pm. The film stars Kiera Knightley, and Dominic West. It is based on the life of an unconventional country girl who marries an egotistical man of letters who publishes her books under his name.

On Thursday, July 25 the National Theatre production of The Lehman Trilogy is being shown. This is the story of a family and a company that changed the world, told in three parts on a single evening. Academy Award-winner Sam Mendes (Skyfall, The Ferryman) directsSimon Russell Beale,Adam GodleyandBen Mileswho play the Lehman Brothers, their sons and grandsons.

A scene from The Lehman Trilogy

On a cold September morning in 1844 a young man from Bavaria stands on a New York dockside. Dreaming of a new life in the new world. He is joined by his two brothers and an American epic begins. 163 years later, the firm they establish – Lehman Brothers – spectacularly collapses into bankruptcy, and triggers the largest financial crisis in history.

People can see the Apostasy on Sunday, August 4 at 7pm. It is directed and written by Daniel Kokotajlo and stars Siobhan Finneran. Set in Oldham, in a devout family this remarkable and authentic film gives a rare insight into the complex nature of faith, family, duty and love.

The White Crow is being shown on Sunday, August 18 at 7pm. It is directed by Ralph Fiennes and stars Oleg Ivanko, Ralph Fiennes. The film is set in 1961, and features the Kirov Ballet Company's trip to Paris with Soviet ballet star, Rudolf Nureyev, who came from poverty in Ufa in the USSR to become a legend in the world of ballet.

On Sunday, August 25 at 7pm Captain Corelli's Mandolin can be seen. It is directed by John Madden and stars Nicholas Cage, and Penelope Cruz. It is based on Louis de Bernières international best-seller. This film is presented in collaboration with the Friends of Parbold Library in conjunction with the visit to the Library by Louis de Bernières.

Touring production of Annie is 'worth seeing'

Review by **Pete Rimmer**

Annie
Liverpool Empire

ON the face of it you wouldn't think a musical set in a children's care home, homeless people, stray dogs and the depression of the USA nineteen thirties was going to be a winner when writing a musical.

Well that was the vision when Annie was written in1976. The original Broadway production opened in 1977 and ran for nearly six years, setting a record for the Alvin Theatre and who was to know it would still be going strong in 2019.

Annie the musical is based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie, with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin, it has been performed all over the world and two film versions.

With the show being so well known, it's hardly surprising a sell-out crowd turned up to see this up to date production featuring Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood, playing for laughs, the horrible Miss Hannigan and Alex Bourne, as handsome billionaire Danny Warbucks, both of whom have great singing voices.

Craig Revel Horwood as Miss Hannigan. Photo by Paul Coltas

This show is full of great singing, dancing and choreography. The set is large and interesting, moving seamlessly from inside the orphanage to street scenes, radio studios and a ballroom scene. The props float on and off stage with ease and this gives great pace to the production.

But of course this show is all about the orphans singing and dancing their way through life. It's the story of good overcoming evil, much like a panto and it all ends very happily. Seven children and a dog called Sandy make the most of the songs and fast moving dance routines as do the rest of the very large cast.

Annie is being staged at the Liverpool Empire until this Saturday.

Well worth seeing. 9 /10

Show was an 'unusual' night

Review by **Pete Rimmer**

Spymonkey - 'Cooped'
Liverpool Playhouse

READERS may recall I reviewed Spymonkey's Christmas show, A Christmas Carol, at the Playhouse late last year and gave it ten out of ten, so I was looking forward to their return with a revival of an earlier production, Cooped, to celebrate their 20 year existence. Cooped was described as, 'a parody of the gothic genre by the reigning monarchs of physical comedy', which is a pretty good description of our night out.

This was a wildly funny presentation with laughs right from the start, everything from the usual murders, dancing sequences, dreamscapes, clockwork pheasants, a cardboard car and a cut-out horse's head.

Set in darkest Northumberlandshirehampton, the very attractive Laura Du Lay (Petra Massey) arrives at the isolated gothic mansion where she is to begin her employment with crazy Forbes Murdston (Toby Park). A grand total of four actors play what must be nearly 30 parts, everything from dolly birds to Mother Teresa. Aitor Basauri alone plays at least ten hilarious characters, everything from solicitor Roger Parchment to a mad detective, a dancing priest and many more, together with Stephan Kreiss as Klaus, the obnoxious butler.

With lots of singing, much clowning and throwing each other round the stage, plus some good special effects and magic, this was a nonstop roller-coaster of a show that moved at a fast pace.

The rather long nude dancing scene was not for me but the audience lapped it up although it wasn't advertised as an adult show.

A mixture of Hammer Horror, part Monty Python, The Pink Panther and Psycho made this unusual entertainment.

8/10

Catch world-renowned choir

A WORLD-RENOWNED American choir is set to visit Southport on its inaugural tour of England.

The Gary Bonner Singers from Los Angeles, who have performed at three Christmas concerts at The White House and to George W. Bush, are coming to Southport's Salvation Army to complete a tour of England.

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Last Night of the Proms numbers including Rule Britannia and the Pomp and Circumstance march will also be featured with members of the audience being supplied with Union Jacks to enable their full participation!

Entitled "Proms on the Prom" the concert is aimed at a wide age range and is sure to contain something for everyone. The 60-strong Southport Orchestra will be accompanying guest soloists Louise Dickinson and Christopher Rimmer as well as the amazing 40-strong Woodlands Primary School Choir from Formby.

The concert also celebrates the 10th anniversary of Jeff Rimmer's leadership of the Southport Orchestra which he has transformed into one of the North West's outstanding orchestras since he became its musical director. The orchestra now has a great following ensuring large audiences at all three of its annual concerts.

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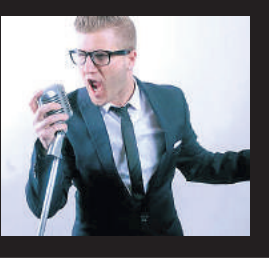

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(Make Request).

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Joe and family would to express their sincere heart felt thanks and appreciation to all relatives and friends, for their kindness, support and sympathy during their recent loss of the much loved Kitty. Also for the generous donations to the Nugent Care Society. Special thanks to Deacon Des Bill of St Anne's Ormskirk, who performed a very personal and uplifting service. Thanks also to the Doctors and staff of ward 11A at SDGH for their kindness and care during Kitty's brief stay at hospital. Finally, thanks to Melanie and the team at H Hardman & Co Funeral Directors, for their dignified and professional arrangements.

ROBINSON GEORGE

Eileen and her family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and Donations received during the recent sad loss. Thanks also to Rev. Jane Morgan for her prayers and kind ministrations. Also thanks to Dr. Kinsey and all the staff at Parbold Surgery, Parbold Chemist, the carers that cared for George, The Paramedics and the Palative Care team at Southport Hospital for all the kind care and attention given to George. Final thanks to Anabel and the team at MLS Funeral Directors for the dignified Funeral arrangements.

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BEVINGTON CHRISTINE

Stephen and all the family of the late Christine Bevington would like to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our recent sad loss. Thanks to Queenscourt Hospice, all our friends, Reverend Dave for the beautiful service and finally to David Wilkinson's for their dignified handling of arrangements we say a heartfelt thankyou. For the many cards and messages of support and charity donations to Queenscourt, in Christine's memory, we are extremely grateful.

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Nan Carol, Mal and Uncle John.

xxx

Stephen and Mica.

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DEATHS

MONAGHAN FRANK

14th June 2019
Peacefully at home
Aged 61 years

Loving Husband of Karan, devoted Dad of Darren, Mark and Lauren, cherished Grandad of all his Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Richards Church on Friday 28th June at 11.00am followed by interment at West Lancashire Cemetery. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

IRELAND JEAN

17th June 2019
Aged 85 years

Will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 27th June at 2.40pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Spinal Unit Action Group c/o Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors, 33 Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 4AG. Tel no. 01704 550055

NEWBURY ELIZABETH (LIZ)

23rd June 2019
aged 65 years

Loving Wife of Michael, and Mother of James, Ben and John Paul. A friend to all who will be sadly missed. Always in our hearts. Funeral service at St. Francis Church Skelmersdale on Wednesday 3rd July at 1pm, followed by a service in Green Acres Rainford. Family flowers only please. All donations to Cystic Fibrosis. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services. Tel: 01695 731199

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18th June 2019
Peacefully after a long illness aged 53 years

Loving partner of Karen, who will miss him every day. Much loved and sadly missed Dad, Grandad, Brother, Uncle and dear friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service took place on Tuesday 25th June at St. Pauls Church. There were family flowers only. Donatons for The British Heart Foundation are still being gratefully received. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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18th June 2019

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The Simpson family and their families, and your Nieces and Nephews
xxxx

DEATHS

JONES ROBERT JOHN (BOB)

19th June 2019
Peacefully at The Spinney Nursing Home, Upholland aged 83 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Husband of the late JEAN, loving Dad of DAVID, dear Father in law of KAY and devoted Grandad of ANDREW and DAVID. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 27th June 2019 at 11:30am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

COLLINS NORA

13th June 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 90 years

Loving Wife of the late Ken, devoted Mum of Dave, Phil and Gill, dear Mother-in-law of Syl and Hongmei, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place today, Wednesday 26th June at 11.00am at St Richards Church, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for the Alzheimer's Society. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

DEATHS

HUGHES LESLIE ARTHUR

19th June 2019

Aged 87 years

Peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Loving Husband of 54 years of Audrey. Leslie will be deeply missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd July at 2:40pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to Motor Neurone Disease Association. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport. PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

BICKERSTAFFE PATRICIA ANNE

20th June 2019
Peacefully after a short illness

Beloved Wife of Bill and a wonderful Mother and Grandmother. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 1st July 2019 at 11:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for St John's Hospice, Lancaster. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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15th June 2019

Aged 83 Years

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PEARSON BOB (BOBBY)

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14th June 2019

Peacefully at home, aged 85 years

Much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Will be sorely missed each and every day by us all. The Funeral Service will take place at St John Stone RC Church, Woodvale, on Thursday 4th July 2019 at 1.00pm. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road, Ainsdale PR8 3HS Tel 01704 575282.

CROPPER THOMAS (TOM)

17th June 2019

aged 97 years

Devoted Husband of Joyce. Much loved by all his Nephews, Nieces and many friends. The funeral and interment to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe at 11.30am on Tuesday 2nd July 2019.

Family flowers only please, all enquiries to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

MADDOCKS ELEANOR ANN MBE

Died 18th June 2019

Devoted Wife to Tommy. Beloved Mum, Nan and Great Nan. Eleanor will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 12.15pm. The family then welcome guests back to Hurlston Hall Gof Club, Hurlston Lane, Scarisbrick L408HB. Please wear a splash of colour in memory of Eleanor. Family Flowers only by request, however donations are being gratefully received in fond memory for Maggie's at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre. The family request all enquiries are directed to Claire Newland, Independent Funeral Director, 52 Gregory Ln Halsall, Lancashire, L39 8SR 01704 841935

CARTER CHARLES EDMUND

11th June 2019

Passed away peacefully in hospital surrounded by his loving family

Dearly loved Husband of Jennifer.Much loved Dad of Stephen, Esther and Graham, dear Father-in-law of Lorraine, Nathan and Jenny. Devoted Grandad of Freya, Harriet and Annabelle. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for the Injured Jockey Fund. Donations and further enquires please to Margaret Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

RIMMER DONALD THOMAS

14th June 2019, peacefully in Hospital

Aged 86 Years

Dearly loved Husband to Geraldine, Beloved Father to Michael, Paul and Father-in-law to Liz, Julie. Grandad to Daniel, Ellen, Matthew, Thomas and Brother to David and Joan. A Requiem Mass is to be celebrated at St. Gregory's RC Church, Lydiate on Friday 28th June 2019 at 12:00noon followed by a committal service at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired in memory of Don will be gratefully received for The British Heart Foundation. For all enquiries, please contact Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

SKINNER DAVID

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital on 11th June 2019

aged 74 years

Devoted Husband to Sandra. Beloved Dad to Sue and Treasured Gag to Sophie. Much Loved Uncle to Paul, Uncle in law to Cassie and Great Uncle to James and Alex. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St. Michaels Church, Aughton on Friday 28th June 2019 at 12 noon followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

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JOHNSTON KEITH

21st June 2019

Peacefully at Garswood Care Home aged 84 years. Former member at Lord Street West Church. Much loved Father of Sarah and Cousin of Richard. Keith will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 12.40pm.

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WRIGHT RONALD THOMAS (RONNIE)

Suddenly, at home on 8th June 2019 aged 71 years

Ronnie, the beloved Husband of Chris. Dad of Kathryn, Colin and Robert, Dad-in-law of Mark, Kirsty and Kelly. Grandad of Thomas, Devin, Naomi and Kiera. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 10.40am. No flowers, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Queenscourt Hospice and Southport Offshore Rescue Trust. Further enquiries please to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport PR9 7BJ Tel: 01704 212714.

FARR KENNETH ANTHONY

On 16th June 2019

Peacefully in a Nursing Home after a short illness

Aged 84 years

Dearly loved Husband of Elaine, loving Father of Tim and Kath, dear Father in law of Paul, and a devoted Grandad of Cora, Josie, Patrick, Alisha and Ollie. Funeral service took place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 25th June at 10:00am. Donations are being gratefully received for the RNLI. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

HULM STEVE

17th June 2019

Aged 66 Years

Passed away Peacefully after a short illness. Devoted Husband to Sue. Loving Dad to David and Lorraine. Special Grandad to Scott, Jess and Kyle. Loving Brother to Sandra, John, Gill and Phil. Steve will be sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral service and committal to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1.45pm on Friday 28th June 2019. Family Flowers only. Donations to the British Lung Foundation. Further enquiries to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone: 01772 811165

ASHCROFT JOHN

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital 19th June 2019 aged 74 years

Devoted Husband of the late Julia. Dearly Loved Dad of Lisa and the Late Julie. Dear Father in law of Jason and Loving Grandad of Olivia and Jessica. Loved and Missed by all His Family and Friends. Requiem Mass and Interment at St. Annes R.C Church, Ormskirk on Monday 1st July 2019 at 12.30 pm. Family Flowers only please by request but donation are being gratefully received for Leukaemia Research.

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2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 8th July 2019 until 1700 hours on Friday 12th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough – A5209 – Square Lane, Burscough – B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow deep excavation works to repair and install new highway channel drainage across the car park entrance of Burscough Junction railway station to be carried out by Lancashire County Council – Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18340/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C165 THE COMMON, PARBOLD AND C165 STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C165 The Common, Parbold from the level crossing to 20m North of the station or C165 Station Road, Parbold from the level crossing to 20m South of the level crossing.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 6th July 2019 until 0800 hours on Sunday 7th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. This is an overnight closure. Access will be maintained for pedestrians only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C165 The Common, Parbold – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – C165 Mill Lane, Parbold – C165 Station Road, Parbold

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the lifting of the level crossing to enable a technical inspection of the rails beneath the crossing surface to be carried out by Network Rail with traffic management being provided by Centurion Site Services.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18054/EW]

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NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER
SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LATHOM HIGH SCHOOL) DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2019.

The above Order, made on the 29th May 2019, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for the area, by adding a 3-7 metre wide public footpath from a point on the un-numbered cycleway east of the subway under Glenburn Road (point A on the Order Map) passing through the grounds of Lathom High School in a generally easterly and then north easterly direction along a tarmac roadway between the school buildings and adjacent school fields and tennis courts to point B where it meets highway F8761 (known as Summer Street); a total distance of approximately 160 metres and shown as bold broken lines marked A-B on the attached Order Map.

A copy of the Order and the Order Map may be seen free of charge at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, and at my offices from 9am to 5pm on weekdays. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £1.00.

Any representation or objection relating to the order must be sent in writing to The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ (REF: LSG4/888.1132/JL2) not later than 9th August 2019, and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or if any so made are withdrawn, Lancashire County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State for the Environment, may itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated this 26th day of June 2019.

LAURA SALES, Director of Corporate Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON, PR1 8XJ

This does not form part of the above Notice

Please note that information supplied will be used in accordance with the processes under Statute and will not be confidential and may be disclosed to third parties.

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0569/FUL Double storey side extension and rear extensions including gated entrance associated wall & railings at Clayton House, 46 Ruff Lane, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0581/FUL Creation of 2 storey front porch, additional gable window and installation of garden building at Oaklands, St Michael Road, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0585/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling and associated landscaping at 6 Thornhill, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0591/FUL Single storey side extension; replacement entrance porch to courtyard garden and conversion of existing integral garage to living accommodation at The Bungalow, 3 Mercer Court, Great Altcar.
The application affects a Listed Building.

2019/0594/FUL Single storey rear extension at 27 Mill Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used

Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 26th June 2019 PDNOT1050

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U498 OLD LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U498 Old Lane, Downholland from 21m South East of the junction U498 Old Lane, Downholland and U967 New Lane, Downholland to 67m South East of the junction of U498 Old Lane, Downholland and U967 New Lane, Downholland.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Friday 5th July 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 19th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U498 Old Lane, Downholland – C103 Riding Lane, Downholland – C105 School Lane, Downholland – U498 Old Lane, Downholland and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow for the installation of a new 160 OD rising main to be carried out by JN Bentley Ltd.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18307/EW]

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

M J Griffiths Transport Limited of Tollgate Crescent, Burscough Industrial Estate, Burscough, Ormskirk, L40 8LT is applying to change an existing Operator's Licence as follows: To keep an extra 3 goods vehicles and 3 trailers at Tollgate Cresent, Burscough Industrial Estate, Ormskirk, L40 8LT.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use of enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice.

A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

John Davenport trading as Davenport Transport Ltd of 10-12 Tollgate Crescent, Burscough L40 8LT is applying for a licence to use 10-12 Tollgate Cresent, Burscough L40 8LT as an operating centre for 30 goods vehicles and 45 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use of enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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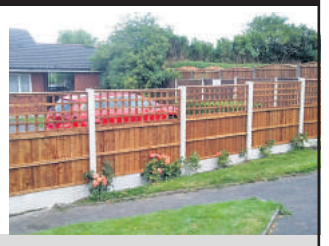
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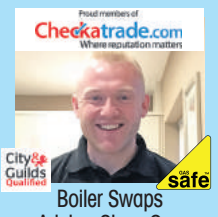
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One of my favourite cars of all time is set to appear in next James Bond film

THE OTHER day Prince Charles dropped in on Daniel Craig to see how work on the new James Bond film is shaping up. Which is probably a good thing, because I'd like to think he also had a quiet word with the film's producers and asked them nicely to hurry up with making it.

But with the world's cameras firmly trained on the Prince of Wales' visit it almost felt as though a crucial new detail from the film, confirmed by the official James Bond Twitter account, seemed weirdly overlooked. I'd been expecting the Aston Martin DB5 – having already shown up in *Skyfall* and *Spectre* – to make a comeback, but what I hadn't

been counting on was one of my favourite film cars of all time, the Aston Martin V8 from *The Living Daylights* to rock up as well. But some fan footage during the filming confirmed possibly the best bit of movie-related news I've heard all year. Until now, the 1987 Aston has spent most of its time sat in museums looking a bit unloved, but look on YouTube and there's a short clip of sweeping along a rather stunning-looking Norwegian road, being chased by a cameraman in a helicopter. I'm not entirely sure how the film's makers are going to explain it, seeing as Bond fans will know that a car with the same registration was blown up on a Czechoslovakian hillside fairly early on into *The Living Daylights*, but I'm glad that it's back.

More importantly, I'm hoping that Aston's glad, too. For years the DB-generation Astons have been the real stars of its heritage operations, so much so that it's started making some of its biggest hits again for (very rich) car nuts. Last year it announced a run of DB5s virtually identical to the one Sean Connery turned into a household name in *Goldfinger* – complete with primitive 1960s navigation system, fake guns and revolving numberplate – and now it's resurrected the DB4 GT Zagato, a super-rare 1950s model reclothed in a sleeker, Italian designed skin to aid aerodynamics.

David reckons the new Bond film will shine a spotlight on 1980s Aston Martin models

But the Astons I – and a lot of other people of my age, who are now in the position to buy old cars – grew up with were the much later V8s, and I bet I'm not the only thirtysomething for whom Tim Dalton's much grittier take on saving the world *was* James Bond. I would love to see Aston Martin giving its V8s – particularly the Vantage, with its colour-coded, blanked-off radiator grille and 400bhp on tap – the same treatment as its DB models of the 1960s, and for a limited run of re-created models to head back to the showrooms. I'll never be able to afford one, of course, but in a world of plug-in hybrids and me-too crossovers there's definitely room for a car like it.

Until then I'll carry on waiting for the next James Bond film – which is already about six months late, no matter how brilliant it is. Perhaps another member of the Royal Family can have a quiet word with them…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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Hughes hits ton but Burscough fall to defeat

BURSCOUGH were beaten by four wickets in their Second Division match at Hightown St Mary's in a high scoring contest at Sandy Lane.

Choosing to bat first, Burscough may have thought they had scored to enough to force victory.

Ryan Hughes scored 126 (16x4 & 2x6) while skipper Brendan Domigan smashed five sixes in his 97, as Burscough felt able to declare on 274-5.

Their victory hopes were dashed, however, as Wallasey opener Jayden Schadendorf carried his bat with an unbeaten 136* (18x4 & 1x6) and Matty Laybourne added 52 as the hosts sealed victory on 275-6.

Navdeep Aujla 3-67 and Chris Andrews 3-81 taking the wickets to fall.

Maghull drew at Parkfield Liscard, after they elected to bat first and thanks largely to 96 from opener Jon Ring and 35 from Cam Lawrenson were able to declare their innings on 243-8, with Niaz Khan taking 3-67.

In reply, Kamran Hussain top scored with 70 as Parkfield closed 20 runs short of their target on 224-8, with Joe Medew-Ewen 3-50 and Liam Gibbons 3-52 taking the majority of the wickets to fall.

Skelmersdale end 30 runs short or target

SKELMERSDALE were beaten by 30 runs when they hosted Halsall West End on Saturday in front of a big crowd.

As was becoming a theme in Skelmersdale's season, the bowling performance stood out.

Jonas Smith and Abbie Wright predictably struck early as the pressure began to mount on Halsall's middle order.

However, Skelmersdale's fielding performance didn't match as Ben Davis was dropped three times off the bowling of Harry Marston. He made sure Skem payed for their profligacy and made a attractive standout 55.

He was supported well by Simon Bushell who fell for an enterprising 24.

Andrew Moss took both wickets as he came on at the death and bowled well. Unfortunately, it seemed too late in proceedings and the damage had been done. Despite this, as they went into the break, Joe Till's side were fairly confident in chasing the total of 138.

The chase got off to a bad start and showed few signs of improvement throughout the innings.

Till and fellow opener Mike Houghton fell within the first two overs without troubling the scorer.

Thankfully Matty Wright and Barry Leadbetter offered resistance and their partnership of 40 put Skem into the first and what was to become only, position of command in the second innings.

They worked the ball round the field without offering the slightest chance.

It took good bowling to remove them and Skem never really recovered. Resistance from Luke Manley and Phil Wright down the order proved fruitless as Skem fell 30 runs short.

Six wickets for Hartley before batters seal a tense win for Ormskirk

ORMSKIRK sit in fourth place in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division after they clinched a closely fought two wicket home win against Wallasey on Saturday, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

The visitors from the Wirral chose to bat first and Tom Hartley took the bowling honours finishing with figures of 6-51

But thanks to runs from opener Danny Beaver 75, Harry Meehan 25 and Sumit Ruikar 19 Wallasey still managed to post 169 up on the board.

Gary Knight then played a key role in Ormskirk's reply hitting an unbeaten 59*.

And with the help of Gavin Griffiths 25 and Ryan Maddock 19, they set up skipper Nick Caunce to blast an unbeaten 17 off just five deliveries to clinch victory on 175-8, with Ruikar taking 3-58 with the ball.

Leaders Bootle extended their lead to 25 points after a 91 run home win against Leigh.

Bootle chose to bat and thanks to runs from Danny Davies 65, Will Purser 30, Michael Farrell 38 and debutant Keith Barker 27 were able to declare their innings on 220-8, with Sam Rotherham 3-40 and Toby Bulcock 3-68 doing most of the damage with the ball.

In Leigh's reply, Lewis Pearson and Bulcock both made 32 before Scott Butterworth 4-36 and Hampshire all rounder Barker 4-48 helped bowl out the visitors for 129.

Northern moved up to third in the table after making light work of a nine wicket win at Orrell Red Triangle.

The hosts decision to bat first backfired as they were dismissed just 76, thanks to a combined bowling effort from Tom Sephton 4-12, Liam Grey 3-27 and Danny Houghton 3-35.

In reply, opener Taylor Cornall top scored with an unbeaten 47* and Chris Laker an unbroken 26* as the visitors cruised to victory on 77-1.

Tom Hartley in action.

Formby dropped down to fifth place after 20 run defeat at Rainhill, the hosts chose to bat and put 163 up on the scoreboard, with Qaiser Ashraf top scoring with 39, whilst Ben Aitchison 5-35 and Ollie Sutton 3-20 both excelled with the ball.

In reply, Sam Oldham top scored with 55 and Dave Atkinson hit 25 but their efforts were undone by Ashraf 4-62 and Peter Kelly 4-33 who clinched the match with three wickets in four balls to dismiss the visitors for 143.

Southport & Birkdale got back to winning ways with an eight wicket win at Colwyn Bay. The hosts were asked to bat first and slumped to 72-8 before a defiant ninth wicket stand of 70 between Paul Jenkins 44 and Saliya Jeewantha 37 took the Welshmen to a total of 146. Gary Keedy who after ten overs had taken 7-4 was the undoubted star of the bowling attack with final figures of 20-9-25-8.

In reply, opener Brad Yates 73 and an unbeaten 66* from Will Affleck lead the victory charge as they ended on 148-2 to move 37 points clear of the relegation zone.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm): Bootle v Leigh, Colwyn Bay v Southport & Birkdale, Ormskirk v Wallasey, Orrell Red Triangle v Northern, Rainhill v Formby, Ainsdale v Highfield, Fleetwood Hesketh v Old Xaverians, Caldy v Southport Trinity, Hightown St Mary's v Burscough, and Parkfield Liscard v Maghull.

Dalton deserved winners in battle of local rivals

SKELMERSDALE 2nd XI were beaten by local rivals Dalton 1st XI on Saturday.

Dalton were put in to bat first and Skem captain Kyle Till took the first wicket fairly early, but the next wicket only fell 198 runs later courtesy of Danny Wohler.

The tremendous partnership between Matthew Charman and Muhammad Numaan was classy and put Dalton in the driving seat at the interval, setting Skem a formidable 253 to win.

Dave Moss continued his fine form and played a nice innings of 19. He was reinforced well by fellow opener Callum Till. It gave Skem's middle order a good foundation and K Till capitalised striking a well made 42.

Assisting him was Callum Martlew who continued his good form as he made 35.

The 70 partnership kept Skem right in the game and hopes were still high when Mick Moss looked set.

Despite his 26, the lower order collapsed as Skem finished all out for 144.

Skem battled valiantly but Dalton were simply too good as they finished deserved victors.

Skem look to team up with local firms to help move back into town

SKELMERSDALE United has asked local businesses to support them on their return to the town, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The club has appointed a commercial manager to help drum up interest in teaming up with Skem with vice chairman Norman Fenney to take over the position of this season.

He has appealed for support from the local businesses to back the club's return to Skem after spending the last 18 months playing their home games at Prescot Cables.

Skelmersdale have produced an online brochure to outline what is available in the way of partnerships with the club and this can be downloaded from the club's website. They can also call 07949 582 262.

He said: "All we are asking is that people and companies around Skelmersdale back us on our return to the town."

Skem begin their pre-season programme with an attractive fixture at their JMO Sports Ground home against Wigan Athletic on Saturday, July 6 kick off 3pm.

This is followed by another interesting encounter as they tackle Warrington Town also at the JMO on Tuesday, July 16 with kick off at 8pm.

The first round has been drawn for the Macron Cup (North-West Counties League Cup) this week with both West Lancashire teams involved.

Skelmersdale are at home in the first round against Irlam on Saturday, October 19 and if they win they will entertain either Cheadle Heath Nomads or 1874 Northwich in the second round.

In the first round of the Macron Cup, Burscough are also at home with Ashton Athletic on Saturday, October 19 and if they win they will entertain either Ashton Town or Golcar United in the second round.

Skelmersdale also revealed season tickets can be purchased at both the Wigan Athletic and Warrington Town games.

Both Skelmersdale United and Burscough are in the North West Counties Premier Division next season.

The season kicks off on Saturday, August 3 and the FA Cup will begin on Saturday, August 10 with the Extra Preliminary Round, the draw/fixtures for those dates are not announced just yet.

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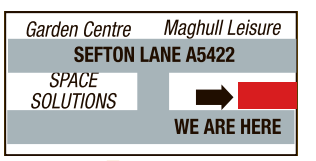

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